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An A-10 Thunderbolt II sits on the flight line at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, in May.

## GAO: Military must learn why pilots leave to fly for airlines

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
*Stars and Stripes*

The military needs to get a better handle on why pilots are leaving the military and how many are leaving for jobs with commercial airlines, a new Government Accountability Office report said.

The report, which was released Thursday, comes as the Air Force, the Marine Corps and the Navy grapple with a pilot shortage, especially in the fighter-pilot community, where there are shortages of up to 27 percent, according to the GAO.

The GAO found that the Air Force, the Navy and the Marine Corps monitor pilot retention through loss rates, but they don't track how many pilots leave the military for the airlines, a shortcoming that could hinder pilot retention if the services pursue the wrong incentives for pilots to remain on duty.

The Defense Department lacks "data to understand the full range of pilots' post-service career preferences," the report said, despite requesting increases to aviation retention bonuses to be more competitive with the airlines.

"This limits DOD's ability to more fully understand pilots' decisions to remain in or leave the military," the report concluded.

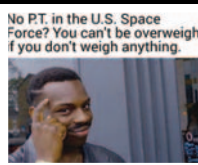
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SPACE CORPS REALITY



No PT. in the U.S. Space Force? You can't be overweight if you don't weigh anything.

President Donald Trump's direction to the Pentagon to establish a Space Force has inspired military-themed memes such as these posted on the Memes from Air Force amn/ncso/sncso Facebook page.



# THE FUNNY FRONTIER

## Trump's plans for Space Force inspire wave of online military jokes, memes

By JAMES BOLINGER  
*Stars and Stripes*

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan  
President Donald Trump's plans for a Space Force have spawned a healthy crop of online jokes and memes about the futuristic service branch.

Someone created a photo of the starship USS En-

terprise under construction at a Boeing factory. Another joker speculated that there won't be physical training for space troops because it's impossible to be overweight in zero gravity.

Many of the Space Force jokes contain nuggets of truth about life in today's military.

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## MILITARY

# Vets join bikers in Ride the Alps event

By MARTIN EGNASH  
Stars and Stripes

GARMISCH, Germany – The thundering roar of Harley Davidson motorcycles broke the sound of cow bells ringing in the Bavarian Alps on Saturday.

More than 250 veterans, servicemembers and families rode their motorcycles through the jagged, gray peaks that mark the highest points in Germany as part of the annual Ride the Alps biker event over the weekend.

The ride, put on by Edelweiss Lodge and Resort Armed Forces Recreation Center, circles around the Zugspitze, the tallest mountain in Germany.

"They're seeing castles and Alpine lakes and just amazing scenery," said Brad Hays, Edelweiss spokesman. "I'm sure it's a memory that they will take with them their whole lives."

The entire 161-mile route is



MARTIN EGNASH/Stars and Stripes

**More than 250 veterans, servicemembers and families rode their motorcycles through Germany's highest points.**

marked with beautiful scenery. Some of the highlights include driving past King Ludwig's Linderhof castle, pulling over at a turquoise stream that flows into the river Isar, and dipping into the Austrian Alps.

Sgt. Jesse Leuschel, a U.S. airman stationed in the Netherlands who "rode the Alps" for the third time this weekend, described the ride as "wind therapy." "It's an amazing route," he said. "Absolutely breathtaking. You get this sense of freedom. It clears your head."

Some bikers went on the Alps ride solo, but many were members of veterans motorcycle clubs like

the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and easy to identify from their matching patches and jackets.

"I think the reason so many veterans join motorcycle associations and clubs is the same reason why so many veterans join the American Legion or VFW. It's a brotherhood," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Sutterfield, the command sergeant major of U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria.

"When you're in a faraway place like Europe, riding your bike with fellow veterans gives you a sense of community," said Hays.

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# Missing Reserve soldier found dead

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A soldier from the Alabama Army Reserve who went missing during a training exercise in Florida has been found dead, according to the sheriff's office.



McLemore

night in a wooded area of Camp Blanding.

Officials with the sheriff's office said this is an "undetermined death investigation."

"The Clay County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all those agencies, media personnel and community members who sup-

ported us in this search," officials said in a Facebook post.

McLemore's death is still under investigation.

McLemore was attending a training course at Camp Blanding when he set out on a land navigation exercise Wednesday, according to Keith Smith, with the sheriff's office.

The exercise involved each of the 75 Reserve soldiers individually reaching three to four rally points designated on their maps in the woods surrounding Camp Blanding before coming back to a meeting location.

Friday morning, officials searched aerially and on the ground for McLemore and found several of his items, including his map and navigation tool, officials said.

Smith said the extreme heat and "extremely tough conditions" could have been a factor in McLemore's disappearance, especially if the soldier "pushed himself to finish" the course and was dehydrated.

## Navy identifies pilot killed in A-29 crash at range in New Mexico

Stars and Stripes

One of two air crewmembers on an A-29 Super Tucano light-attack aircraft died when the plane crashed at Red Rio Bombing Range in New Mexico on Friday morning, the Navy reported Saturday.

The Navy identified the de-

ceased pilot as Navy Lt. Christopher Carey Short, from Canandaigua, N.Y.

"There's no way to describe the shock of this loss and the sadness we feel for his family," said Col. Houston Cantwell, commander of Holloman Air Force Base's 49th Wing, in a message posted on the

wing's Facebook page. "He did pioneering work in aviation that will help shape American air power for years to come. We're thankful to have known him and grateful for his devotion to duty."

Short had been participating in the Air Force's Light Attack Experiment testing the capabili-

ties of the A-29 and the AT-6B Wolverine.

The statement announcing his death did not mention the other crewmember who, according to the Air Force, suffered minor injuries and was airlifted to a local hospital.

Red Rio Bombing Range is the

U.S. military's largest open-air test range, at 196,000 acres, and part of the Army's White Sands Missile Range, about 65 miles north of Holloman.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, the Navy reported.

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## MILITARY

# Navy adds flexibility to parental leave policy

By WILLIAM HOWARD  
Stars and Stripes

Navy couples will now decide which parent gets primary caregiver leave under a new parental and adoption leave policy.

The rules announced Thursday allow six weeks of maternity convalescent leave for sailors giving birth, beginning after they leave the hospital, along with six weeks leave for the primary caregiver. Secondary caregiver leave has risen from 10 to 14 days, according to Navy statement.

Birth mothers received a block of 12 weeks maternity leave prior to the change. The policy consolidates adoption, pater-

nity and maternity leave into a Military Parental Leave Program planned for future release.

All leave periods are nonchargeable and must be used all at once within the first year of a birth or adoption, according to a Navy statement.

Sailors on or within three months of an operational deployment can defer their leave period until after the deployment. Deployed time will not be counted against them for the one-year expiration date, the statement said.

Commanding officers can authorize sailors to take parental leave while deployed for extenuating circumstances and where

operational requirements may allow.

All active-duty sailors, reserve sailors in active-duty assignments or mobilized for more than 12 continuous months and parents of a qualifying birth or adoption on or after Dec. 23, 2016, can utilize the new leave rules.

In 2016, then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced a Defense Department-wide 12-week maternity leave policy.

The Air Force and Marines updated their policies earlier this month, while the Army last updated its policy in 2016.

Soldiers can receive up to a total 12 weeks of maternity leave, more than double the previous policy, and birth mothers become

nondeployable for six months. Secondary caregivers are still allowed only 10 days of nonchargeable administrative leave.

Airmen had their maternity leave cut in half from 12 to six weeks, but are now allotted an additional six weeks of leave for the primary caregiver and three weeks for the secondary caregiver.

Marines also had their maternity leave reduced from 12 to six weeks but gained six weeks of primary caregiver leave, which they can delay for up to a year. Secondary caregivers received an increase from 10 to 14 days.

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## US flights over East China Sea are frequently targeted by lasers

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — U.S. Indo-Pacific Command is confirming that its aviators are employing required eye protection after aircraft flying over the East China Sea have been targeted by high-powered lasers multiple times since last summer.

“The units fly with laser eye protection,” said Maj. Cassandra Gesecki, a spokeswoman for INDOPACOM in Honolulu. “So right now, we’re just doing an assessment that they have all the equipment they need to protect themselves.”

Gesecki confirmed crews have been targeted more than 20 times in the region by lasers.

The laser beams have originated from both shore and fishing vessels, but exactly who is responsible for the actions, which can temporarily blind aviators and endanger flights, has not been conclusively determined, she said.

Gesecki confirmed the Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Army all operate aircraft in the East China Sea, but declined to specify what types of aircraft

were targeted.

Standard operating procedures for flying in the vicinity of the sea have not been altered as a result of the laser incidents, she added.

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Recent media reports citing unnamed U.S. sources indicate the lasers were controlled by the Chinese. In early May, the Pentagon issued a formal complaint to the Chinese government,

asking the country to investigate repeated instances in which American military aircraft were targeted by high-powered lasers near a Chinese military base in Djibouti.

In those incidents, the pilots suffered minor eye injuries. China’s Foreign Ministry

called the allegations “untrue.”

On Friday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters that media stories claiming China was behind laser incidents in the East China Sea “are groundless and sheer fabrications.”

Gesecki said she was not aware of any injuries to aviators targeted by lasers over the East China Sea but could not confirm with certainty that there were none.

China and Japan dispute sovereignty of the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea.

In 2013, China set up an air defense identification zone over part of the East China Sea that included the Senkakus, which China calls the Diaoyu Islands.

While the United States takes no position on which country has sovereignty over the islands, America’s military alliance with Japan makes INDOPACOM’s aircraft a target of Chinese criticism and, at times, harassment by Chinese military aircraft.

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## Stray bullet near Marine range investigated

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — No injuries were reported after a stray bullet shattered windows in a farmer’s shed near a Marine Corps firing range on Okinawa.

The incident happened between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Sukuta, Nago, according to Japanese police.

A mango farmer told authorities he had come home from shopping to discover two broken windows and a 2-inch-long bullet on the floor of his shed, the Okinawa Times newspaper reported.

Nago police said they were trying to determine where the bullet came from. Camp Schwab’s Range 10 is approximately half a mile from the farm, according to the newspaper.

Officials from Japan’s Okinawa Defense Bureau said U.S. military officials told them in advance of field exercises in the area around the time of the incident.

In response, U.S. officials closed Range 10 until further notice “as a precaution,” a Marine statement said.

“We value the safety of the local community in which we live and take this matter very seri-

ously,” the Marines said in the statement. “We are working with our counterparts at the Okinawa Prefectural Police to the greatest extent possible in support of the investigation.”

Since Okinawa’s reversion to Japanese control in 1972, there have been 28 stray bullet incidents, the Okinawa Times reported.

The Marines temporarily shut down ranges in April of last year after bullets struck a vehicle and a water tank at a construction site on Camp Hansen.

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Christine Altendorf, left, director of Installation Management Command Pacific, welcomes Col. Monica Washington, the incoming garrison commander, during a change-of-command ceremony at Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, South Korea, on Friday.

## New leader takes over as transition at Yongsan nears the final stages

By MARCUS FICHT  
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YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — A new commander of the Army’s home in Seoul will oversee a transition that’s nearing its end as troops move south to facilities on Camp Humphreys.

Col. J. Scott Peterson handed Yongsan’s keys to Col. Monica Washington during a ceremony Friday at a base gymnasium.

The former operations chief at the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Daegu, South Korea, will preside during some of the last major unit moves to Humphreys, 40 miles to the south.

The U.S. Forces Korea headquarters departs Yongsan next Friday and the Brian Allgood Army Community Hospital is slated to go toward the end of next year.

The moves are part of a much-delayed 2004 agreement between the U.S. and South Korea to relocate the bulk of American forces south of Seoul. About 28,500 total U.S. troops serve on the Peninsula.

“[The relocation] is one of largest in the history of the Depart-

ment of Defense,” said Christine Altendorf, director, Installation Management Command-Pacific, during the change of command. “The relocation which has been in the making for a very long time is now close to being successfully accomplished.”

Yongsan has been a military hub since the Imperial Japanese Army occupied the site during its occupation of Korea from 1910 until the end of World War II.

“This is a special place,” Peterson told troops and civilian base workers during Friday’s ceremony. “It’s not just a skyline...there’s a quality and character here that you can’t deny.”

Some residual elements may stay at Yongsan beyond 2020 but it will no longer be the heartbeat of the U.S. military in South Korea.

Washington will oversee other bases in and around Seoul such as Camp Market and tenant facilities at Seoul (K-16) Air Base and will add responsibility for facilities near the Demilitarized Zone as the commander of the newly formed U.S. Garrison Yongsan-Casey.

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## MILITARY

# Staying Afloat

## Navy will keep hospital ships despite talk of scrapping one to cut costs

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The Navy now says it will retain both of its hospital ships following objections from legislators after the service discussed decommissioning one of the 1,000-patient vessels earlier this year.

Created to serve as floating hospitals during times of war, the USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort are devoted during peacetime to humanitarian efforts such as the Mercy's biennial Pacific Partnership mission and the Comfort's deployment to Puerto Rico after last year's Hurricane Maria. They are the largest hospital ships of any military in the world.

But the Mercy and Comfort are aging. Navy leaders floated the idea of cutting one to save money but encountered resistance at a March hearing before the House Armed Services Committee.

"While the Chinese are making a strategic shift to not just pay off the leadership of countries but to provide services to the citizens of the countries, for the U.S. to pull back on that soft power side, I think it's just a strategic mistake for us," Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga., said at the hearing, referencing recent humanitarian work in Africa by China's hospital ship, Peace Ark.

The Navy now says it will keep its hospital ships in service — and even plans to make about \$6.4 million in improvements to the Mercy, according to a fiscal year 2019 budget submission.

"At this time, USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort are not scheduled for deactivation," Navy spokeswoman Lt. Lauren Chatmas told Stars and Stripes on Thursday. "The (proposed FY 2019) budget includes plans to extend the service life of USNS Mercy."

### Floating hospitals

The 894-foot-long, 69,360-ton ships were once oil tankers that were gutted and remade into hospital ships and commissioned in 1986 and 1987.

Inside, visitors can easily forget they are on a ship. From the straps anchoring gurneys to the floor in operating rooms, the Mercy looks — and operates — much like a typical American hospital ashore.

The ships also have the most up-to-date medical technologies — including CT scanners — onboard to ensure medical professionals will have seamless transitions should they be brought aboard in sudden emergencies.

During this year's Pacific Partnership — a 150-day multinational mission that brings together military medical personnel from various nations to provide health care and work with professionals in select Pacific countries — the Mercy carried a robot-assisted



The hospital ship USNS Mercy arrives in Yokosuka, Japan, on June 10.

Ryo Isono/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy



CATLIN DOORNBOS/Stars and Stripes

**Capt. Lynelle Boamah, executive officer of the USNS Mercy, speaks aboard the hospital ship during its recent visit to Japan.**

surgery machine loaned to the ship for free by the robot's maker, Intuitive Surgical.

When not activated, the hospital ships go into reduced operating status, with about 60 civilians and sailors assigned to each ship to keep them maintained. If called upon, the Mercy and Comfort would need five days of preparation before they could deploy. They sail at about 17 knots, or about 19.5 mph.

### Increasing capabilities

While the ships are safe for now, the Navy is still looking at ways to better serve patients while taking into consideration its

V-22 Ospreys, which can accommodate nearly 20 more seated passengers than an SH-60 Seahawk.

"There's no lack of commitment," he said during the hearing. "As a matter of fact, we're taking a look at the capabilities and whether they are in line with the way we plan to fight our future battles."

Discussions have varied on how to fill the new requirements, including whether the Navy should employ several smaller hospital ships instead of — or in conjunction with — the two large ships, Rep. Rob Wittman, R-Ga., said at the hearing.

Capt. Lynelle Boamah, the Mercy's executive officer, told Stars and Stripes during the ship's recent visit to Yokosuka that the flight deck will be modified to support tilt-rotor Osprey aircraft by 2020.

The Mercy now deploys with two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters, but the changes would allow the ship to welcome two Ospreys on board instead.

"[The flight deck] will be restructured — lengthened — and prepared to receive the Osprey helicopter," Boamah said. "We are really looking forward to that because it's really going to increase our capability and capacity to do even more good for the world and also in support of citizens from the host nations that we would service."

### Mission accomplished

The Mercy finished the last of its five-country Pacific Partnership 2018 port calls last week in Japan, where it hosted citizens for ship tours and conducted professional exchanges with members of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. It was the first time the vessel had visited the country in its more than three decades of service.

Since the mission began in February, the Mercy has also visited Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam, providing medical care for more than 12,000 citizens and hosting professional exchanges with health care providers at each stop, said Capt. David Bretz, mission commander of Pacific Partnership 2018.

Many nations, including Great Britain, Australia, Canada, Peru, Sri Lanka, Japan and France, sent members of their militaries to embark on the Mercy and work side by side with the more than 800 Americans assigned to the mission.

The Mercy will next participate in multinational Rim of the Pacific exercise in Hawaii before returning to its San Diego homeport.

It is unclear when the ship will undergo its planned service-life extension. The USNS Comfort remains at its Norfolk, Va., homeport in reduced operating status.

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## MILITARY

# Ramstein airmen patch planes for Airlift anniversary

By MICHAEL ABRAMS  
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FRANKFURT, Germany — Ten airmen from Ramstein Air Base volunteered their Saturday to do extra repair work. Their mission: Spruce up two vintage airplanes at the Berlin Airlift Memorial.

The decades-old planes have been sitting at the memorial outside the Frankfurt airport for more than 30 years, exposed to the elements — and the birds.

The planes flew in one of the greatest peacetime aerial supply operations in history in 1948. On June 24 of that year, the Soviets — in one of the opening moves of the Cold War — blocked all rail, road and water access to West Berlin. Two days later, the Berlin Airlift launched to deliver supplies and food to the 2.2 million civilians and soldiers cut off by the blockade.

The 70th anniversary of the historic airlift is Tuesday, and the



Airman 1st Class Rachael Robinson sits on the wheel of a C-54 Skymaster on Saturday.

memorial's aircraft were in need of some TLC. So airmen from the 86th Maintenance Squadron scraped off old paint, cut away



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Airmen from Ramstein Air Base's 86th Maintenance Squadron patch up the C-54 Skymaster at the Berlin Airlift Memorial near Frankfurt, Germany, ahead of Tuesday's 70th anniversary of the airlift. Ten airmen volunteered their time to patch up the aging aircraft.

rotting metal, measured and cut sheet metal plates, then drilled and riveted the plates into place.

"The concept is the same as repairing a C-130," said Tech. Sgt. Jody Bussier as he watched a fellow airman seal a window on the memorial's Douglas C-47 Skytrain. "Here we're not worried about strength; here the focus is keeping water from getting inside. But the work is the same — cut metal, put in rivets."

Most of the work was done on the other plane, a Douglas C-54 Skymaster. It looked better than the Skytrain cosmetically, but up close the holes and rust were evident. Birds had used the holes for nests.

"The planes needed a good cleaning before we could come in and get to work," said Maj. Brandon Ray, noting that they had inspected the planes a couple of months earlier to see what need-

ed to be done.

The airmen worked on the C-54 for nearly four hours, sealing holes, replacing parts and making it as rain- and bird-proof as possible.

Tech Sgt. Chris Blank inspected the work when they were done. "Hopefully, it will give it a longer lease on life," he said.

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## Funny: Space Force memes are latest contribution to long history of interservice humor

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One meme shows an American checking identification cards in front of a "Stargate." A humorous "Space Force Creed" mimics the Air Force Creed but includes quotes from science fiction movies, and a mock space rank structure looks like it's also inspired by the Air Force.

"I've seen lots of funny Space Force memes," said Air Force Staff Sgt. David Garza, an information technology specialist at the American Forces Network, as he waited at the exchange on Yokota Air Base, Japan.

"My favorite was an expectations versus reality where the expectation was a scene from 'Halo: ODST' (a popular video game featuring troops who skydive into battle from orbit) and

the reality just showed Zapp Brannigan (the incompetent cartoon sharpshooter commander from "Futurama)," he said.

Marine Sgt. Tyler Barnes, a gear manager with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 at Iwakuni, got a kick out of a digitally altered image that's going around of a guy staring at another woman while walking with his girlfriend.

The girlfriend in the meme is labeled "DD-214" (the form troops get when they become a civilian) or "re-enlistment" and the other woman is labeled "Space Force," Barnes said.

A Space Force meme list wouldn't be complete without a "Star Wars" reference. One popular meme includes an image of Darth

Vader captioned "Active Duty Space Force" alongside a picture of Dark Helmet, the diminutive despot from the film "Space Balls," captioned "Reserve Space Force."

Military personnel have a history of making fun of each other's service branches, and service-related memes have populated social media for years. It appears that the Space Force will be no different.

"We already bash on each other as it is, and this (Space Force) just gave us something else to bash on," Barnes said.

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## GAO: Report recommends gathering information on pilots' work after service

### FROM FRONT PAGE

DOD officials told the GAO "that there is an assumption that military pilots join the mainline airlines, but there is no data to support it."

The report focused on pilots of fixed-wing aircraft. The Army was not included because its fixed-wing positions make up less than 7 percent of its aviation force, according to the GAO.

A 2016 Rand Corp. study on Air Force pilot retention identified a correlation between major airline hiring and active-duty Air Force pilot separations from 1996 to 2013, according to the report.

Rand wasn't able to get data

on officers who become pilots for large airlines, what aircraft they flew and how long they remained on active duty because that information is not routinely collected, the GAO said.

Jeff Myer, 47, a former Air Force pilot who retired as a lieutenant colonel, has been flying for United Airlines for four years.

He said in an interview Friday that no one from the Air Force followed up with him about his post-service career plans.

"In my case, when you put in the retirement paperwork, the Air Force ... says, 'Thank you for your service,' but at that point, they're worried about the folks that are on active duty, and un-

derstandably so," said Myer, who flew the C-141 and KC-135.

"There was never a follow-up, 'Hey, what are you doing in your after-life? Did you go to the business (world) or did you go to the airlines?'"

After 22 years of service, Myer said, he had met his goals with the Air Force and wanted to keep flying instead of moving into another staff job.

"If the opportunity had been presented to me (to keep flying), I probably would have given it strong consideration to stay on" and retire as a colonel, he said.

The GAO recommended in its report that the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps find a way to

gather information about former pilots' employment.

The office also said the Air Force should better analyze staffing levels by officer grade to help ensure aviation retention bonuses are targeted to the appropriate pilot communities.

The DOD concurred with the recommendations but noted concerns. One was from the Air Force, which said it believed the report underestimated the forecasted number of future airline hires and their average compensation.

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## MILITARY

# An alliance born out of the ashes

At Okinawa memorial, thousands gather to honor lost loved ones, 'maintain peace'

By MATTHEW M. BURKE

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Haruko Arakaki was only a year old when her civilian father went out during the Battle of Okinawa and never returned.

On Saturday, the 74-year-old — with round cheeks and a wide, inviting smile — visited her father's name carved in granite at Okinawa Peace Memorial Park's Cornerstone of Peace memorial to be closer to him. His body was never recovered.

"I only know my father through story," she said as she motioned to the offerings in front of the memorial marker, gifts of Okinawan bento, sweet bean cakes, fruit and drinks. "We don't have my father's bones, so I visit here every year to talk to him."

Arakaki, from Makabi, Naha, was just one of 5,100 attendees at Saturday's annual Irei no Hi ceremony, commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa. Although this year's ceremony had about the same number of attendees as last year, it is becoming harder to find firsthand witnesses to the tragic World War II battle.

The Battle of Okinawa began April 1, 1945, and lasted for 82 days. More than 14,000 Americans, about 110,000 Japanese troops and at least 140,000 Okinawan civilians were killed during or after the fighting, though the total number of civilian deaths may never be known.

The battle rendered large swaths of Okinawa a scorched hellcape, more closely resembling the surface of the moon than the idyllic tropical paradise it is today. Reverberations are still evident in the island's passionate anti-war movement.

For the Allies, the battle was pivotal. With airfields near the Japanese mainland, troops could begin their final assault on the Japanese homeland that would end World War II. The war ended several months after the Battle of Okinawa.

Saturday's memorial day began with a small group of Americans laying wreaths in the American section of the Cornerstone of Peace memorial.

Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson, who was attending his third and final ceremony as the III Marine Expeditionary Force commander, lamented the tremendous loss of life and devastation caused by the battle as he gazed upon the thousands of names carved into granite.

Out of the ashes grew "one of the strongest alliances in the history of alliances," between the United States and Japan, Nicholson told the U.S. Marines attending the memorial.

"Today, that alliance, over the last 73 years, has allowed for incredible and unprecedented



Above: Wreaths are laid in the American section of Okinawa Peace Memorial Park's Cornerstone of Peace memorial prior to Saturday's ceremony commemorating the World War II Battle of Okinawa. Far left: Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson speaks to Marines and sailors before the ceremony. Left: Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe bows during the event.

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prosperity in the entire region," Nicholson said. "It is our obligation to ensure that this loss, this tremendous loss of life, is validated."

The day was an emotional one for U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Christopher Moore, command master chief of the 3rd Marine Division. His grandfather, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James Jones, was a Navy carpenter who served with the Seabees on Okinawa in 1945.

"Thinking back over the last 73 years at the loss of life that was experienced here on this island is absolutely amazing, and we can't forget that," Moore said. "As I look at these walls, I think of the men, the women, the children that were here during that horrific war, that gave of themselves and paid the ultimate sacrifice to allow us to have what we have today, and we've got one of the best alliances with the Japanese and the Okinawan people here

bar none. It gives me hope for my children and their future."

The wreath laying was followed by a peace march by the Okinawa Joint Association of Bereaved Family Members. Attendees then packed a large white tent for the ceremony. At 12 p.m., a moment of silence was observed.

Anti-base Gov. Takeshi Onaga, who is battling pancreatic cancer, used the opportunity to once again blast the American military presence on Okinawa.

"There are too many incidents happening on Okinawa because of U.S. forces," Onaga said. "The Japanese government must take a serious consideration."

The governor said Okinawa's burden is too high. The tiny island hosts approximately half of the 50,000 troops stationed in Japan. His ire then turned to the relocation of Marine air operations from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to the northern coastal base of Camp Schwab and a new

runway being built into Oura Bay to facilitate the move.

"I am resolved, no new base construction in Henoko," he said.

As Prime Minister Shinzo Abe spoke, boos could be heard from the audience.

"We must remember that today's Japan wouldn't exist without the many sacrifices that Okinawa made, and I offer my deepest condolences to all the family members," Abe said. "As prime minister, I promise that we shall not repeat history and will keep the peace."

Abe went on to discuss ways the government of Japan had reduced the military burden on Okinawa.

"Some operations (at Schwab) will be split between Kyushu and Iwakuni," he said. "The central government will support Okinawa's development to be the gateway to the Asia and world."

After the ceremony, Abe told reporters that Futenma presents a clear and present safety issue,

as it is located in a densely packed urban area. He said that it must be relocated to the northern coast.

"We will comply with all of the regulations to relocate Futenma to Henoko and return the entire Futenma base to Okinawa as soon as we can," he said, according to the Ryukyu Shimpu newspaper. Not far from where the prime minister spoke, Mitsue Ishikawa, 80, gathered with her three adult daughters and 8-year-old granddaughter as is their yearly ritual. Ishikawa's father had been drafted into the Japanese army during the war and died of malnutrition at a hospital in Kanagawa.

"It has been 73 years since the war and everyone is getting old. I see less and less people visit every year," Ishikawa said. "My granddaughter started to join us last year, and it is very important to teach our young people to maintain peace."

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# WAR ON TERRORISM



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In this photo provided by Egypt's state news agency, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, right, meets with President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, center, and Mideast envoy Jason Greenblatt in Cairo.

## Kushner rips Abbas, says US' Mideast peace plan due 'soon'

By ILAN BEN ZION  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser said in an interview published Sunday that the administration soon will present its Israeli-Palestinian peace plan, with or without input from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

In an interview published in the Arabic language Al-Quds newspaper, Jared Kushner appealed directly to Palestinians and criticized Abbas, who has shunned the Trump team over its alleged pro-Israel bias, particularly on the fate of contested Jerusalem.

The interview came out after a weeklong trip around the region by Kushner and Mideast envoy Jason Greenblatt. The team met with leaders of Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to discuss the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and the administration's proposals for a peace deal.

The Palestinians refused to meet with Kushner, and leaders have criticized the Trump negotiating team in recent days.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat accused Kushner and

Greenblatt on Saturday of trying to topple the Abbas-led West Bank autonomous government and to dismantle the U.N. aid agency for Palestinian refugees. On Sunday, Erekat doubled down on his criticism, telling Israel's Channel 10 that the American negotiators are "not neutral" and predicting their peace plan would fail.

Any peace plan would face major obstacles, including the increasingly dire humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, internal Palestinian divisions and recent cross-border violence between Gaza's Hamas rulers and Israel. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet on Sunday that he met twice with Kushner and Greenblatt this past weekend and discussed "how to solve the humanitarian situation in Gaza without strengthening Hamas."

It remains unclear how the Trump administration would proceed with a peace plan without Palestinian cooperation.

Kushner said the plan is "almost done," but offered scant details aside from the promise of economic prosperity. He made no mention of a Palestinian state arising alongside Israel, though

he acknowledged that Arab partners support that goal.

The Palestinians seek the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza — territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, and two years later, Hamas seized control of Gaza from Abbas' forces. Abbas now governs only small, autonomous zones in the West Bank.

Kushner cast doubt on Abbas' ability to make a deal, alleging that the Palestinian leadership is "scared we will release our peace plan and the Palestinian people will actually like it" because it would offer them a better life.

"The global community is getting frustrated with Palestinian leadership and not seeing many actions that are constructive toward achieving peace," Kushner said. "There are a lot of sharp statements and condemnations, but no ideas or efforts with prospects of success."

Palestinian leaders have refused to meet with the Trump team since the president recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December. Jerusalem is an emotional issue at the epicenter of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

the aircraft "retreated from the border."

It was not immediately clear who launched the drone, but in February Israel shot down what it said was an Iranian drone that entered its airspace. It bombed Iranian targets in Syria in response. Syrian troops have launched

an offensive against rebel forces in southwestern Syria, near the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

Israel has expressed concerns about Iranian troops supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces, and says it will not allow a permanent Iranian military presence in Syria.

## Syrian army widens offensive against rebel-held areas

By SARAH EL DEEB  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government troops advanced on rebel-held areas in the country's southwestern region amid intense clashes Saturday, state media and opposition activists said, in a widening offensive that has shattered a U.S.-backed truce.

Syrian State news agency SANA reported fierce clashes in the al-Lujat area, a rocky region in the eastern countryside of Daraa. It said troops advancing from the adjacent Sweida province seized two villages, adding that the rebels responded by shelling government-held areas.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported the government advance, saying they were accompanied by intense shelling and airstrikes. The Observatory said the escalation on the fifth day of the fighting left eight government troops dead and 20 others wounded. Russia, the main backer of the Syrian government, said five Syrian soldiers were killed. Since Tuesday, at least 18 civilians and 10 rebel fighters have been killed, the Observatory said.

Washington warned the offensive in the region bordering Jordan and Israeli-occupied Golan Heights risks widening the conflict. It called on Russia to restrain its ally and warned of the repercussions of the fighting but did not elaborate on how it intends to salvage the truce in place for nearly a year.

The de-escalation zone was negotiated by Russia, Washington and Jordan and has maintained calm in the strategic area since. But in recent weeks, the deal appeared to be unravelling as both

the Syrian government and Israel turned to military means to achieve their goals. Damascus is seeking to build on the momentum of its successive military victories elsewhere and has turned its troops and elite forces toward the southwest. Israel, fearing the expansion of the influence of Iran and its allied militia fighting alongside the Syrian government in the area, has carried out airstrikes there against suspected Iranian targets.

Russia has been in talks to reach a settlement in the area, building on the July deal. But the talks have stalled as the fighting escalates. On Saturday, Moscow, which has come under criticism from the U.S. for the teetering agreement, blamed al-Qaida-linked militants for targeting and killing government troops. The Russian Defense Ministry said about 1,000 fighters attacked the government army tank division in Daraa.

Separately, Iraq's air force carried out an airstrike in eastern Syria targeting a meeting of Islamic State militants, killing 45 of them, including at least eight senior members of the group. In a statement, the Iraqi military command said the airstrike Saturday hit the meeting in Hajin, one of the last strongholds of the militants in eastern Syria.

The senior-level ISIS members killed in the strike were identified only by their posts. The Iraqi command said among the targets were the group's war minister, the head of ISIS' police, a senior media operative and the messenger of the group's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. There were no further details.

## ISIS demands release of Sunni female prisoners

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Islamic State released a hostage video on Saturday demanding the release of all Sunni female prisoners from Iraqi jails.

The group said it was giving the government a deadline of three days before it would execute the six men in the video, who identified themselves as Iraqi policemen and militiamen.

The video was published on jihadi social media groups, one week after ISIS announced it had kidnapped 17 policemen and members of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces, which are predominantly Shiite militia groups that fight for the government.

A string of kidnappings claimed by ISIS on the highway connecting Baghdad to the north of the country has raised concerns about the lingering threat posed by the group after Iraqi forces recaptured the city of Mosul last year.

Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi has come under pressure in recent weeks to explain the gaps in security outside the capital.

A spokesman for the Iraqi military said he was aware of the hostage video and said the armed forces were pursuing the ISIS sleeper cell it believes is responsible.

"We won't be blackmailed by them, and we will pursue them wherever they are," said Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasoul.

## Israel fires at drone near Syrian frontier

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military says it fired a Patriot missile at an unmanned aircraft that approached its airspace near the Syrian frontier in the Golan Heights.

The army said Sunday that the missile did not hit the drone, and



## NATION

# Congress gets new documents on Russia probe

By MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said it has given House Republicans new classified information related to the Russia investigation after lawmakers had threatened to hold officials in contempt of Congress or even impeach them.

A spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan said Saturday that the department has partially complied with subpoenas from the House Intelligence and Judiciary committees after officials turned over more than 1,000 new documents last week. House Republicans had given the Justice Department and FBI a Friday deadline for all documents, most of which are related to the origins of the FBI's Russia investigation and the handling of its probe into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails. Ryan spokeswoman AshLee Strong said the department asked for more time and they will get it — for now.

"Our efforts have resulted in the committees finally getting access to information that was sought months ago, but some important requests remain to be completed," Strong said in a statement Saturday. "Additional time has been requested for the outstanding items, and based on

**'Our efforts have resulted in the committees finally getting access to information that was sought months ago, but some important requests remain to be completed.'**

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spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan

our understanding of the process we believe that request is reasonable. We expect the department to meet its full obligations to the two committees."

The efforts by the Justice Department over the last week to deliver documents to the House Republicans appear to have defused at least temporarily a months-long standoff with Congress. Democrats have criticized the multiple document requests, charging that they are intended to discredit the department and distract from or even undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the Trump campaign's Russia ties and whether there was obstruction of justice.

In a letter sent to House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., late Friday, the Justice Department said it had that day provided a classified letter to his panel regarding whether the FBI used "confidential human sources" before it officially began its Russia in-

vestigation in 2016. Bolstered by President Donald Trump, Nunes has been pressing the department on an informant who spoke to members of Trump's campaign as the FBI began to explore the campaign's ties to Russia. Trump has called the matter "spycate," though multiple Republicans who have been briefed on the informant have downplayed its significance.

In the letter, the Justice Department's acting assistant director of congressional affairs, Jill Tyson, said Nunes had also asked for transcripts of conversations between confidential human sources and Trump campaign officials. She said the department had referred that request to National Intelligence Director Dan Coats.

Tyson's letter said the department had also given Nunes materials related to the department's guidelines under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Republicans have for months

questioned whether the department abused that act when prosecutors and agents in 2016 applied for and received a secret warrant to monitor the communications of Trump campaign associate Carter Page.

The department is also working to provide outstanding documents related to former British spy Christopher Steele, Tyson said, and the dossier he compiled of anti-Trump research during the presidential campaign. Trump and congressional Republicans have charged that the research in the dossier, paid for in part by Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee, was used inappropriately to obtain the warrant on Page.

Ryan has backed the document requests, and he led a meeting recently with committee chairmen and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to try to resolve the issue.

In a television interview two days after that meeting, on June

17, Nunes said if they don't get the documents by this week, "there's going to be hell to pay" and indicated the House could act on contempt or even impeachment. A spokesman for Nunes did not immediately respond to a request for comment Saturday.

Tyson also wrote House Judiciary Committee Chairman Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., and House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., who have requested more than 1 million documents as part of multiple investigations into the FBI and Justice Department's handling of the Russia and Clinton probes. Tyson said the department has already provided more than 800,000 documents for review and "the FBI produced over 1,400 pages of responsive materials" on Friday, among other documents already sent to the panel.

The letter said the FBI is also working to address a request about "proposed, recommended or actual" surveillance on the Clinton Foundation.

Tyson said the department was responding in a separate, classified letter, and that the request had proven "difficult to address." She said the department hoped to talk to lawmakers further about it.

## White House press secretary asked to leave restaurant

By KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders was booted from a Virginia restaurant because she works for President Donald Trump, setting off a fierce debate about whether politics should play a role in how administration officials are treated in public.

Sanders was the latest to experience a brusque reception in such a setting.

Sanders tweeted that she was told by the owner of the Red Hen in Lexington, Va., that she had to "leave because I work for @POTUS and I politely left." She said the episode Friday evening said far more about the owner of the restaurant than it did about her.

"I always do my best to treat people, including those I disagree with, respectfully and will continue to do so," Sanders said in the tweet from her official account, which generated 22,000 replies in about an hour.

The restaurant's co-owner, Stephanie Wilkinson, told The Washington Post that her staff had called her to report Sanders was in the restaurant. She cited several reasons, including the concerns of several restaurant employees who were gay and knew Sanders had defended Trump's desire to bar transgender people from the military.

"Tell me what you want me to do. I can ask her to leave," Wilkinson told her staff, she said. "They said yes."

Wilkinson said that she talked to Sanders



DANIEL LIN/AP

**White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Saturday in a tweet that she was booted from The Red Hen Restaurant in downtown Lexington, Va., because she works for President Donald Trump.**

privately and that Sanders's response was immediate: "That's fine. I'll go."

Employees at the restaurant told The Associated Press that Wilkinson wasn't available for further comment.

Over the weekend, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich weighed in on the increasingly nasty tone of politics. Gingrich was known for setting a more combative tone in congressional politics in the 1990s.

"The increasing personal nastiness toward people who work for President Trump reflects the left's understanding that they are losing," Gingrich said in a tweet. "Nastiness reflects desperation, not strength. They can't win the argument so they use

nastiness. Sad and dangerous."

Lexington, located in the Shenandoah Valley and a three-hour drive southwest of the nation's capital, is politically a spot of blue in a sea of red. It sided with Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election by a 2-1 margin. It's the county seat of Rockbridge County, which went with Trump by a similar margin. And it is home to Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University.

Sanders' treatment at the restaurant created a social media commotion with people on both sides weighing in, including her father, Mike Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential

candidate.

"Bigotry. On the menu at Red Hen Restaurant in Lexington VA. Or you can ask for the 'Hate Plate.'" Huckabee said in a tweet, quickly generating 2,000 replies in about 30 minutes. "And appetizers are 'small plates for small minds.'"

Tom Lomax, a local business owner, took flowers to the restaurant Saturday afternoon as a show of support.

"We support our own here; great little community we have," he said.

Stephen Russek, a former restaurant owner in the area, said "they had no right to do that."

"You have your political opinions; you don't throw somebody out of your restaurant," Russek, who lives nearby, said. "They ought to be shut down."

The separation of families trying to enter the U.S. at the southern border has intensified political differences and passions that were already at elevated levels during the Trump presidency.

Earlier last week, Trump's Homeland Security secretary, Kirstjen Nielsen, cut short a working dinner at a Mexican restaurant in Washington after protesters shouted, "Shame!" until she left. A few days earlier, Trump aide Stephen Miller, a key adviser on immigration, was accosted by someone at a different Mexican restaurant in the city who called him "a fascist," according to the New York Post.

Ari Fleischer, who was a press secretary for President George W. Bush, tweeted Saturday: "I guess we're heading into an America with Democrat-only restaurants, which will lead to Republican-only restaurants. Do the fools who threw Sarah out, and the people who cheer them on, really want us to be that kind of country?"

## NATION

## In Nev., Trump hypes tough immigration stance

By DARLENE SUPREVILLE  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Eager to keep the Republican Party in control of the Senate, President Donald Trump pressed his tough anti-illegal immigration stance before supporters Saturday, saying “we have to be very strong” as he sought to help boost the candidacy of a one-time critic.

Trump was in Las Vegas to assist Sen. Dean Heller, the only Republican U.S. senator seeking re-election in a state that Democrat Hillary Clinton won in 2016. Trump and Heller have papered over their once prickly relationship to present a united front in their shared goal of helping Republicans maintain, if not expand, their 51-49 majority in the Senate in November’s congressional elections.

Heller was among the officials waiting on the sweltering airport tarmac to greet Trump.

In remarks to several hundred often-cheering attendees at the Nevada GOP Convention, Trump portrayed himself as the toughest against illegal immigration, saying at one point, “I think I got



JOHN LOCHER/AP

**President Donald Trump shakes hands with Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., during a roundtable discussion on tax reform Saturday in Las Vegas.**

electd largely because we are strong on the border.”

But he excluded any mention of the fact that a massive public outcry, including from members of his own family, forced him to reverse course last week and end the practice of separating children from families after they illegally cross the southern border into the U.S.

“On immigration, we have to be very strong,” Trump said, saying

the immigration problem should have been solved years ago and blaming Democrats for causing it. “The fact is we need more Republicans because the Democrats are obstructionists.”

Trump said Republicans are for “strong borders, no crime” and called it a winning issue for the party. He alleged that Democrats are for “open borders and MS-13 all over our country,” referring to the violent street gang, adding

that stance is a losing issue for the opposition.

Trump praised Heller for voting to cut taxes, and said U.S. Rep. Jacky Rosen, Heller’s Democratic opponent, would vote to raise them.

The president noted that Rosen was in Reno with Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren for the state Democratic Party convention. He again referred to Warren as “Pocahontas” to ridicule her claims of Native American ancestry. “Wacky Jacky is campaigning with Pocahontas. Do you believe this?” Trump said.

Rosen responded quickly, first on Twitter, then saying in a statement that Trump’s visit was Heller’s “reward” for his loyalty to Trump.

“The President is attacking me with lies and petty insults because I’m not afraid to stand up to him,” she said. “Dean Heller has been a rubber stamp for Donald Trump in Washington, caving to the President’s divisive agenda at Nevada’s expense.”

Outside the convention, at least 300 people protesting Trump’s policy of separating families at the southern border were stretched

along a sidewalk outside the casino-hotel where the president met behind closed doors with supporters before addressing the Nevada GOP convention. His motorcade drove past a smaller group of people holding signs that said “Resist” and “History Has Its Eyes On You.”

Trump also held a separate event promoting tax cuts he signed into law six months ago.

Heller had renounced Trump during the campaign as someone who “denigrates human beings” and suggested he wouldn’t vote for Trump, but later said he did. Heller also donated to charity a \$2,000 donation he received from Trump in 2015.

Last year, Trump publicly scolded Heller for holding up the GOP’s long-promised effort to repeal President Barack Obama’s health care law. Heller later repaired his relationship with Trump and helped deliver the rewrite of U.S. tax laws to Trump’s desk.

Heller was among a group of Republican senators this week who urged the Trump administration to end the practice of separating families. Heller made no mention of the issue Saturday.

## Trump moves hinder GOP on immigration

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican apprehension over President Donald Trump’s next tweet and fear of riling conservative voters is undermining GOP leaders’ election-year struggle to shove an immigration bill through the House this week, leaving their prospects dubious.

Party leaders are trying to finally secure the votes they need for their wide-ranging bill with tweaks they hope will goose support from the GOP’s disingenuous conservative and moderate wings. More importantly, wavering Republicans want Trump to provide political cover for immigration legislation that’s despised by hard-right voters. His recent statements on their bill and history of abruptly flip-flopping on past health care and spending measures have not been reassuring.

Last Tuesday, he privately told House Republicans that he backed their legislation “1,000 percent” and would protect them during their campaigns, lawmakers said. By Friday, he was tweeting that “Republicans should stop wasting their time on Immigration” and wait until after the November elections, when he said the GOP would approve tougher legislation because it will gain strength in Congress. That proposition is dicey at best.

“I think that the best way to pass legislation is to consistently

support a position and help move it forward,” Rep. Greg Walden, of Oregon, a senior House Republican. Asked if Trump was doing that, Walden pivoted toward a door and said, “I’ll leave it at that.”

The bill would make citizenship a possibility for “Dreamer” immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. when young. It would also finance Trump’s aspirational \$25 billion wall with Mexico and curb government agencies from wrenching migrant children from detained parents.

The measure is the product of weeks of bargaining between party conservatives and moderates. Even so, the two GOP factions have been unable to resolve their final differences and vote-counters have yet to round up a majority. Republicans are getting no help from Democrats, who uniformly oppose the legislation.

The GOP divisions come at a bad time for the party. Elections are approaching and immigration has riveted public attention for months. Republicans who are battling to retain House control have hoped to focus this fall’s campaigns on the economy and tax cuts.

Instead, Republican blockades against ending deportations of young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children were major news earlier this year.

In recent days, the focus has shifted to the Trump administration’s wrenching of migrant children from their parents.



AP

**Two young girls watch a World Cup soccer match on a television in June 2014 from their holding area where hundreds of mostly Central American immigrant children are being processed and held at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Nogales Placement Center in Nogales, Ariz.**

## Administration: We know where kids are

Associated Press

Trump administration officials say the U.S. government knows the location of all children in its custody after separating them from their families at the border and is working to reunite them.

A fact sheet on “zero tolerance prosecution and family reunification” released Saturday night by the Department of Health and Human Services also says a parent must request that their child be deported with them. In the past, the agency says, many parents have elected to be deported without their children. That may be a reflection of violence or persecution they face in their home countries.

As part of the effort, HHS says

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have posted notices in all its facilities advising detained parents trying to find or communicate with their children to call a hotline staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HHS doesn’t state how long it might take to reunite families. The Port Isabel Service Processing Center in Texas has been set up as the staging ground for the families to be reunited prior to deportation.

How the government would reunite families has been unclear because the families are first stopped by Customs and Border Patrol, with children taken into custody by HHS and adults detained through ICE. Children

have been sent to shelters around the country, raising alarm that parents might never know where their children can be found.

The HHS fact sheet states that ICE has implemented an identification mechanism to ensure ongoing tracking of linked family members throughout the detention and removal process; designated detention locations for separated parents and will enhance current processes to ensure communication with children in HHS custody; worked closely with foreign consulates to ensure travel documents are issued for both the parent and child at time of removal; and coordinated with HHS for the reuniting of the child prior to the parents’ departure from the U.S.

## NATION

## Alaska city honors guardsmen killed in crash

By MARK THIESSEN  
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A month after the second-most powerful earthquake was recorded, the Alaska port community of Valdez remained in ruins.

A hulking Alaska National Guard cargo plane's mission on April 25, 1964, was to deliver Gov. William Egan to oversee efforts to rebuild the town on a new site after the magnitude 9.2 earthquake.

After dropping off Egan and surveyors, the twin-engine Fairchild C-123J Provider took off in a heavy snowstorm to return to Anchorage carrying the Guard's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Carroll, and three others.

Three minutes later, and about a mile due west of where more than 30 people died when the earthquake ripped apart the city dock, the plane struck the water head-on, at full speed, killing all on board. Despite rescue efforts, it quickly sank to the bottom of Prince William Sound.

The Valdez plane crash made national headlines but has mostly faded from memory for all but a few, including surviving family members and Chuck Volanti.

The former Air Guardsman, who arranged the fateful flight as dispatcher, has been working for four years from his home in Olympia, Wash., to honor those lost in the humanitarian mission.

On Saturday, his efforts were recalled at the unveiling of a memorial he and Valdez City Clerk Sheri Piece helped design.

Also killed in the crash were Lt. Col. Thomas Norris Jr., the pilot; Maj. James Rowe, co-pilot; and Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Wayne Ayers Sr., flight engineer.

"The crew, what can I say?" Volanti said. "They were decorated veterans. We were close, like family."

Many relatives of the men killed attended the dedication of the memorial, which carries the likeness of each man. The plaque, in part, says: "They were men of the highest principle, grounded in self-sacrifice, duty, honor, integrity and strong moral values. In serving to revive the spirit of others they forfeited their own."

Robin Norris Theobald, then 8 years old, vividly remembers the day of the crash, a Saturday. Her father, the pilot, came to her with



COURTESY OF INNOVATE SIGNS INC./AP

This plaque was dedicated Saturday in Valdez, Alaska, to honor four Alaska Air National Guard members who died in a plane crash while conducting a humanitarian mission following a magnitude 9.2 earthquake that destroyed Valdez in March 1964.

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**Chuck Volanti**  
former Air Guardsman

a question: “You know, I have this flight, and I don’t have to go on it. What do you think I should do?”

Her answer was quick, decisive and foreboding: “Don’t go. You’ll die.”

“He was just a regular dad, and then he was gone,” she recalled in a phone interview last week from Graham, N.C.

She finds comfort that her father and his fellow guardsmen are being honored for their efforts to help people after the earthquake, which caused millions of dollars of extensive damage from Anchorage to Valdez. In all, 131 people died in the quake or from a tsunami that killed people from Alaska to California.

“I’m just glad they remember him in that light, for the good he was doing,” Theobald said.

Ken Ayers Jr. planned to have his entire family at the ceremony to honor his father, the flight engineer.

He was only 21 months old when the plane went down, but he learned from his mother, Nettie Jo, about his father’s love for fishing and hunting. That’s what drew the family back to Alaska after his father’s active service days in the Air Force.

He calls his mother the “real hero” in all this, raising her fam-

ily and working herself up from the mailroom with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to being the agency’s head of procurement for Alaska.

She died in 2014. He says she would be proud of the memorial. “I think she’d be very pleased, certainly,” he said.

Carroll was honored a month after the crash in a speech on the U.S. Senate floor by Sen. Bob Bartlett, an Alaska Democrat.

“In addition to his family, the Alaska Guard and the state have suffered a terrible loss. For all of us who knew him, admired him and felt a deep affection toward him. All of us shall miss him.”

The night Carroll died, Egan had invited him to spend the night in Valdez and attend a dinner with him because of the poor weather. “I didn’t bring my fork,” Carroll joked when begging off on the invitation and promising to return the next day to pick up Egan, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported at the time.

One of Carroll’s sons, Thomas C. Carroll, reached the rank of brigadier general. He also became adjutant general of the Alaska National Guard and also died in a plane crash. The younger Carroll’s plane went down in 1992 near Juneau.



COURTESY OF KENNETH AYERS JR./AP

**Kenneth Ayers Sr. is shown after a moose hunt in Alaska in 1960. Ayers was among the four Alaska Air National Guard members killed in the 1964 plane crash.**

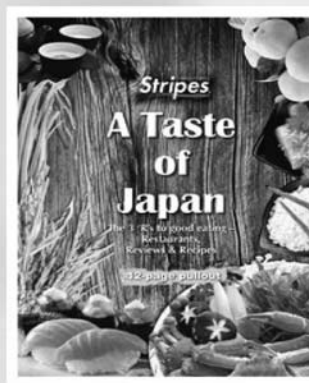
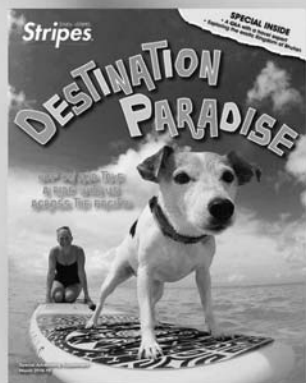
Rowe, the co-pilot, gained fame in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake.

The Anchorage airport radio tower was destroyed in the quake, so Rowe circled Alaska’s largest

city in a C-123 cargo plane, warning off other aircraft from attempting to land and turning his plane into an emergency radio tower, relaying what he could see to the outside world.



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## WORLD

# Mattis to visit China as tensions rise over Taiwan, S. China Sea

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
Associated Press

BEIJING — U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who has accused China of “intimidation and coercion” in the South China Sea, is visiting Beijing this week as the countries increasingly spar over U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and Beijing’s expanding military presence overseas.

Mattis will be the first defense secretary in President Donald Trump’s administration to visit China. His trip highlights the need for the U.S. and its chief rival in East Asia to engage each other despite increasingly stark differences and mutual suspicion.

Mattis’ mission comes at a difficult time as the Trump administration is set to start taxing \$34 billion in Chinese goods in two weeks. China’s response has vowed to retaliate with its own tariffs on U.S. products. The U.S. appears likely to rely on China for help getting North Korea to deliver on denuclearization promises made at a summit in Singapore between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Here are some of the thorny issues:

■ **South China Sea sparring.** The South China Sea will likely be near the top of the agenda in discussions between Mattis and Chinese officials. The U.S. is citing threats against Beijing for its continued militarization of the waters. “There are consequences that will continue to come home to roost, so to speak, with China, if they don’t find a way to work more collaboratively with all of the nations who have interests,” Mattis said earlier this month. He said China’s weapons were placed in the region for “intimidation and coercion.” The Pentagon last month withdrew its invitation for China to participate in a large-scale multinational naval exercise in what it called “an initial response” to the militarization of the South China Sea.

■ **Korean Peninsula.** China was seen as taking home a major win when Trump announced at the summit that the U.S. would suspend joint U.S.-South Korea war games that North Korea and China have long opposed. Both Mattis and South Korea were seen as caught off guard by the decision. U.S. and South Korean officials now see that “total denuclearization” has “already started taking place,” Mattis, however, was asked Wednesday whether he had seen any sign that North Korea had begun steps toward denuclearization and replied: “I’m not aware of that.” Obviously, Mattis was at the very front end of the process.

■ **Tangling over Taiwan.** China’s complaints about U.S. contacts with Taiwan have grown louder as the U.S. has sought to increase exchanges with the self-ruled island Beijing claims as its territory and sells more weapons to it. Mattis likely will hear those arguments made even more forcibly by the Taiwan Travel Act encouraging high-level visits between the two sides, and the Department of Defense agreed to give American contractors marketing licenses for diesel-electric submarine technology sought by Taiwan’s armed forces. The U.S. government also approved a \$1.4 billion arms sale to Taiwan last year, although in an effort to mollify Beijing it has been reluctant to supply everything the island’s leadership wants.

■ **Trump’s “Space Force” call.** Trump’s announcement last week that he was directing the Pentagon to create a new “Space Force” drew attention in China and may be among the items for discussion in Beijing. Trump framed space as a national security issue, saying he does not want “China and Russia and other countries leading us.” While the U.S. has dominated in space since its 1969 moon landing, China is making strong headway, while Russia is in decline. China says it opposes the militarization of outer space, but demonstrated its growing prowess in the field in 2007 when it fired a missile that destroyed a defunct Chinese satellite, creating an enormous debris field and drawing concerns from the U.S. and others.

■ **PLA’s overseas expansion.** In addition to its increased presence in the South China Sea, the People’s Liberation Army is expanding its presence in areas where the U.S. and its allies have traditionally held sway. Most strikingly, China opened its first foreign military base in Djibouti last year, joining the U.S. and a number of other countries with military installations in the Horn of Africa nation. Operating in closer proximity has at times created friction — the U.S. issued a formal complaint to Beijing over the use of lasers that targeted U.S. aircraft in Djibouti on several occasions. The U.S. has also complained about dangerous maneuvers by Chinese military aircraft tailing U.S. surveillance planes in the South and East China seas.

■ **China’s technological threat.** Department of Defense officials last week warned lawmakers that China and other countries were threatening America’s “technological and military dominance.” Michael D. Griffin, undersecretary of defense for research and engineering, told the House Armed Services Committee’s Military Personnel Subcommittee that China was stealing technology and intellectual property in a way that was “significant and intentional.”



LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/AP

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, hands out toys to children after casting his ballot Sunday in Turkey’s elections at a polling station in Istanbul.

# Erdogan seeks to cement power in Turkish election

By SUZAN FRASER  
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey held high-stakes presidential and parliamentary elections on Sunday that could consolidate President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s grip on power or could curtail his vast political ambitions. Opposition leaders cast their ballots vowing to be vigilant against voting fraud.

The elections will complete Turkey’s transition to a new executive presidential system, a move approved in a controversial referendum last year.

Erdogan, 64, is seeking reelection for a five-year term with hugely increased powers under the new system, which he insists will bring prosperity and stability to Turkey, especially after a failed coup attempt in 2016 that has left the country under a state of emergency. His ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, is hoping to retain its majority in parliament.

Still, Erdogan — who has been in power since 2003 — is facing

a more robust, united opposition this time. Opposition candidates have vowed to return Turkey to a parliamentary democracy with strong checks and balances and have decried what they call Erdogan’s “one-man rule.”

“With these elections, Turkey is achieving a virtual democratic revolution,” Erdogan told reporters after voting in Istanbul. He said turnout appeared to be high and that “no serious incidents” had occurred.

Supporters outside the polling station chanted his name and urged the Turkish president to “Stand tall!”

Five candidates are running against Erdogan in the presidential race. Although Erdogan is seen as the front-runner, he must secure more than 50 percent of the vote Sunday for an outright win. If that does not happen, a run-off would be held July 8 between the leading two contenders.

Erdogan’s main challenger is former physics teacher Muharrem Ince, 54, who is backed by the center-left opposition Republican People’s Party, or CHP. Ince has

wooded crowds with an unexpectedly engaging campaign, drawing massive numbers at his rallies in Turkey’s three main cities of Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

Also challenging Erdogan is former Interior Minister Meral Akshener, 61, the only female presidential candidate in the race. She broke away from Turkey’s main nationalist party over its support for Erdogan and formed the center-right, nationalist Good Party.

More than 59 million Turkish citizens — including 3 million expatriates — are eligible to vote in Sunday’s elections. Erdogan called the ballots more than a year early in what analysts say was a pre-emptive move ahead of a possible economic downturn.

Turkey will also be electing 600 lawmakers to parliament on Sunday — 50 more than in the previous assembly. The constitutional changes have allowed parties to form alliances, paving the way for Ince and Akshener’s parties to join a small Islamist party in the “Nation Alliance” against Erdogan.

# Zimbabwe won’t delay vote after rally blast

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe’s presidential spokesman is ruling out an election delay or a state of emergency after an explosion at the president’s campaign rally Saturday that state media called an assassination attempt.

George Charamba told the state-run Sunday Mail newspaper that the historic July 30 vote will go ahead as planned despite the blast that occurred shortly

after President Emmerson Mnangagwa addressed a stadium crowd in Bulawayo, an opposition stronghold.

At least 49 people, including both of Zimbabwe’s vice presidents, were injured in the explosion that Mnangagwa said occurred just “inches” from him. Dramatic footage showed him walking off the stage and into a crowded tent where the blast occurred seconds later, sending up smoke as people screamed and

ran for cover. Mnangagwa was unscathed and later pointed out he’d had numerous attempts on his life in the past, saying he was used to them by now.

No arrests have been reported. Police spokeswoman Charity Charamba told reporters Sunday that investigations continued and a “substantial reward” was being offered for information. She gave no further details and did not take questions.



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## NATION

# Revolving door of despair



Jessica Morgan, high on methamphetamines and the opioid pain medication Opana, sits in a holding cell after being booked for drug possession at the Campbell County Jail in Jacksboro, Tenn., in April.

PHOTOS BY DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

## An agonizing glimpse into how tidal wave of drugs has more women cycling in and out of jail

BY SHARON COHEN  
Associated Press

**O**n opposite sides of the county jail, a mother and her son chatted about school, girls, birthday gifts — and their future together. They aren't allowed to see each other face-to-face, so the inmate and the fifth-grader connect by video.

"Hi, Mommy," said Robby, 10, to Krystle Sweat, clutching a phone in the visiting room as he looked at his mother on a screen, sitting in her cell.

Robby hasn't hugged her since Christmas 2015, just before Sweat wound up back behind bars. He told her that on the day she's released, he wants to show her how he can ride no-hands on his bike.

For years now, Sweat has cycled in and out of jail, arrested more than two dozen times for robbery and other crimes — almost all related to her drug addiction that

**'I'm almost 33. I don't want to continue living like this. I want to be someone my family can count on.'**

**Krystle Sweat**

inmate at the Campbell County Jail in Tennessee

culminated in a \$300-a-day pain pill habit. She's tried to quit, but nothing has worked. Now she says she's ready to make the break when she's paroled, possibly this summer.

"I'm almost 33," she said. "I don't want to continue living like this. I want to be someone my family can count on."

Tucked in a remote corner of Appalachia, the Campbell County Jail in Tennessee offers an agonizing glimpse into how the tidal wave of opioids and methamphetamines has ravaged America. Here and across the country, addiction is driving skyrocketing rates of incarcerated women, tearing apart families while squeezing communities

that lack money, treatment programs and permanent solutions to close the revolving door.

Women in jail are the fastest growing correctional population in America. The numbers rose from 13,258 in 1980 to 102,300 in 2016, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Between 1980 and 2009, the arrest rate for drug possession or use tripled for women while it doubled for men. Opioid abuse has exacerbated the problem.

More than a decade ago, there were rarely more than 10 women in the Campbell County Jail. Now, the population is routinely about 60. Most are arrested on a drug-re-

lated charge. Many also are addicted. They receive no counseling and eventually are released into the same community where friends and sometimes family are using drugs. Soon, they are, too.

And the cycle begins anew: another arrest, another booking photo, another pink uniform and off to a cell to simmer in regret and despair.

Sarah Keelean is back in for violating probation for possessing meth; she'd been using the drug and also selling it to buy opioids. Locked up for almost three years, she longs for freedom but is terrified, too.

"You're afraid that you're going to mess up," she said.

Blanche Ball, who has been using, cooking or selling meth for 15 of her 30 years, has been in jail several times.

"I know I could have done something more with my life," she said, but "once you're like this for so long, you don't know another way to be."

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## NATION

# Despair: Some women slower to seek help; fear losing their kids

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Her two oldest children are being raised by family; the two youngest were adopted. "That wound is so bad," she said. "I try to block it out all the time."

In 2015, Campbell County had the third-highest amount of opioids prescribed per person of all U.S. counties, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That amounted to more than five times the national average.

Mayor E.L. Morton blames the pharmaceutical industry and doctors, and two lawsuits against opioid makers are pending on behalf of the county and its 40,000 residents. Meth is also a problem.

"Throw a rock, hit a house and there's drugs," said Keelean, 35.

The county has struggled for decades. Its tobacco farms and once-flourishing coal industry disappeared long ago, wiping out jobs and solid incomes. Some factories remain, but more than 1 in 5 residents are poor.

Tennessee doesn't have enough psychiatrists, social workers, counselors and nurses or residential drug treatment in rural areas — and Campbell County has no such programs, said Mary-Linden Salter, director of the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug & Other Addiction Services. "It's unrealistic for people to travel 700 miles for treatment because that's where there's an open bed," she said.

Salter also said drug treatment is often costlier and more complicated for women because many have experienced trauma and abuse as children or adults and may be slower to seek help because they fear losing their children.

"Women are the caregivers of their families," she said. "They get blamed and shamed for not taking care of their children. But they get blamed and shamed for not being in recovery. It's a horrible choice."

There are roads to recovery here. A drug court, which provides supervision for up to two years, has a 70 percent graduation rate. And a new program just for women, begun last year, moves offenders into short- or long-term residential treatment. In both cases, treatment takes them to other counties or out of state.

Krystle Sweat said that when she's paroled, she wants to enter a faith-based recovery program.

As Robby's visit ended this day, he and his mother blew each other kisses.

"I'm so thankful that he still loves me," she said. "He's disappointed in me. ... He doesn't say that he is, but I know he is."



Inmate Michelle Leopard, 38, estimates she's been in and out of jail 30 to 40 times. *"We've always been a happy family, and then it seems like we moved to Campbell County and everything just started falling apart."*



Inmate April Bowlin, 34, says she got addicted to drugs when she was 24. *"After that, my life just went downhill. I lost my kids. Came to jail, went to prison, lost everything. I'm sick and tired. I'm tired of the addiction."*



Inmate Christy Wilson, 29, said, *"One of the things that bothers me the most is my son came to visit me in jail and he was like, 'Mom, please don't make me come and visit you here again.' It's hard. To see that little face. ..."*



Inmate Krystle Sweat, 33, said, *"I'm so thankful that he (her son, Robby) still loves me. He's disappointed in me. ... He doesn't say that he is, but I know he is. I hope that he can see it as a lesson for himself. ..."*



Inmate Sarai Keelean, 35, said, *"The other night I had a panic attack because it's getting close to getting out. At 3 a.m., I was freaking out. I just feel socially awkward to go out there and be normal and do right."*



Inmate Blanche Ball, 30, said she grew up around relatives using drugs and learned to cook meth as a teen. *"I have no willpower whatsoever. The only thing that has been able to stop it is actually my incarceration."*



Inmate Mary Sammons, 41, right, helps cover Linda Green, 51, with a blanket as she lies down in the Campbell County Jail after being arrested on charges of public intoxication, a parole violation, in Jacksboro, Tenn., at the end of March. Green said she used to shoplift to support her drug habit. *"It was either sell my body or steal from a store, and I'm not one to sell my body. I had to do what I had to do,"* Green said.

PHOTOS BY DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman who took from exhibit gets probation

**OH** CINCINNATI — A woman who took a dead butterfly from an Ohio botanical garden pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that Jaime Revis, 36, was sentenced to six months on probation after entering the plea. She was arrested in April for taking a blue morpho butterfly from the Krohn Conservatory in Cincinnati.

Revis' lawyer said she had previously been told by a conservatory employee that she could take dead butterflies that would otherwise be thrown away. The attorney called the incident a misunderstanding.

## Pigeon nursed back to health by inmates

**CA** SAN DIEGO — An injured pigeon is walking again thanks to inmates at the Donovan Correctional Facility near San Diego.

KFMB-TV reported the inmates said in a letter that they found Donovan the pigeon badly injured when it was 4 months old. The bird was bloody, could not fly and its right leg was broken.

The inmates said they cleaned the bird up and nursed it back to health.

Amid fears that Donovan might get hurt in the prison yard, the bird was sent to Project Wildlife to complete its recovery. One of Donovan's wings is still injured.

## 'Buzzsaw shark' fossil donated to museum

**ID** POCATELLO — A fossil of the lower jaw containing the spiraling rows of teeth of an ancient "buzzsaw shark" was donated to the Idaho Museum of Natural History at Idaho State University.

KTVB-TV reported that the fossil spiral of teeth is from a Heliocyon, a sharklike creature that lived 270 million years ago.

Monsanto donated the fossil to the museum after finding it during mining operations in the Soda Springs area.

The fossil is about 8 inches in diameter.

Experts say the shark grew to 25 feet long and swam in oceans that once covered eastern Idaho.

## 3 accused of making fake money to buy shoes

**KS** WICHITA — Federal prosecutors said three Kansas men allegedly made counterfeit money to buy Jordan brand athletic shoes.

U.S. Attorney Stephen McAlister said in a news release that Douglas Blocker, 21; Cornelius Wilson, 22; and Traevon McGairty, 22, all of Wichita, were indicted last week.

They allegedly used a photocopy machine to make counterfeit money.

Prosecutors allege Blocker paid one person at a shopping center \$480 in fake bills for four pairs of

## THE CENSUS

**30** The number of tree varieties a retired Lincoln, Neb., postal worker has planted over the past 30 years. Martin Sandin began planting trees on acreage he bought east of Lincoln, and the field is now home to at least 1,000 trees. Sandin said his wife, Maralica, grew up in Minnesota and missed the shady comfort after moving to Nebraska. Sandin said he's finished with his project because he's nearing 86, but he continues to enjoy his tree sanctuary.



BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

## Key to the city

Spectators watch as artist Adrian Avila paints a mural on a wall with oil paint Thursday in the Wynwood area of Miami.

Jordan shoes.

The indictment alleges all three men paid a second person \$520 in fake bills for three additional pairs of shoes.

The three are charged with counterfeiting and passing counterfeit currency.

## Hailstorm kills hundreds of fish

**CO** COLORADO SPRINGS — Officials said hundreds of fish were killed recently during a devastating hailstorm that hit areas near Colorado Springs.

The Gazette reported the storm roared through El Paso County early on June 13, damaging windshields, roofs, trees and wildlife.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials estimated the storm killed hundreds of fish after they assessed the aftermath in Duckwood Pond at Fountain Creek Regional Park.

Officials said the fish didn't die from the impact of hail but from the storm's quickly changing temperatures.

## Rat-sniffing dogs help protect seabirds

**HI** HONOLULU — Hawaii has deployed two rat-sniffing dogs to help remove invasive rodents from a seabird sanctuary on Lehua.

Border terriers Henry and Reese recently located possible rat burrows on the small island off Niihau's north shore. The rats feed on chicks, eggs and native plants.

The rugged island is home to several seabird species considered threatened or near-threatened, according to the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The dogs sniff out the rats and their handlers mark the spot for additional eradication efforts and rat bait application.

## Group to preserve, relocate WWI memorial

**IN** ANDERSON — An Indiana group is working to preserve and relocate a World War I memorial.

The 7-foot granite obelisk is inscribed with the names of six Anderson High School students who died while serving in the war. The Herald Bulletin reported. It was gifted to the school by the 1920 graduating class.

Local preservationists have grown concerned about the monument's fate as its surroundings change. A fire destroyed the school building in 1999 and its historic arena was repurposed in 2011 to become a nonprofit clinic.

Cecilia Calvert, the regent of the Kikthawenund Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is leading the effort to relocate the memorial from the former high school's lawn to Maplewood Cemetery.

## Sinkhole opens up, swallows 3 parked cars

**NH** MANCHESTER — Crews in New Hampshire are working to once again fill a sinkhole that previously opened up last year.

A broken water pipe created a hole directly underneath cars

parked on a road in Manchester. WMUR-TV reported a crane was called in to remove three cars from the sinkhole before crews could start filling it in again.

A sinkhole previously opened on the same stretch of road in November and also pulled down a car.

Both sinkholes were caused by pipe issues.

## Museum dedicated to history of haircuts opens

**NY** NEW YORK — A new museum in New York City is dedicated to the history of barber shops — offering a shave and a haircut alongside its tour.

Arthur Rubinoff, owner of the Barber Shop Museum on the Upper West Side, said he designed the museum in memory of his father, who was also a barber.

The museum showcases antiques and artifacts from more than 100 years of barbering, including blades and razors, barber poles, vintage barber signs and a barber chair dating to 1929.

From wire reports



## FACES



# Hero's return

Mike Colter stars in "Marvel's Luke Cage." The show's second season kicked off June 22. Colter's fellow cast members called him a "perfect fit" for the Cage role. "No matter how tired Luke Cage is, he has to protect Harlem. Mike leads our show in the same way," said Simone Missick, who plays Misty Knight.

## Now in its second season, actor Mike Colter brings the pain as the indestructible Luke Cage

By JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.  
Associated Press

**"B**lack Panther" broke box office records, but "Marvel's Luke Cage" once crashed Netflix. The streaming service suffered a massive outage for more than two hours in 2016, one day after the premiere of "Luke Cage," a drama-action series starring Mike Colter who plays the show's superhero with indestructible and bulletproof skin.

Heading into its first season in 2016, the show was highly anticipated as the only television series with a black superhero as the lead character at the time.

With premiere of season two of "Luke Cage" on Netflix, Colter hopes the series can keep the momentum going. Especially after the success of other black-leading superhero characters, like The CW's "Black Lightning" and the film "Black Panther," which had a record-setting \$192 million debut in U.S. and Canada theaters and nearly \$700 million overall this year.

"Luke Cage" received high marks from most reviewers for the show's politically and socially conscious story angles, strong writing and Colter's performance. The deep-voiced

actor said society — not only in the African-American community — was ready to see a black superhero as a lead character.

Colter said he spoke with many people across the world telling him they related to Cage's character. The original character first appeared in comic books in 1972.

"For people of color, it inspires them to believe they can be a superhero in their own way, too," said the 6-foot-3 Colter, who bulked up 30 pounds for the role. "There's a certain portion of the population that needs to see someone that represents them," he added. "Sometimes that's not just physically. It's a point of view. I get a lot of fans who are white, Asian, Brazilian. They relate to the character because of their approach to the world. Ultimately, they feel like this guy is blue collared and he is striving to do something with his life with all his limitations financially. He's not feeling sorry for himself or having a pity party. He's just trying to keep on, keepin' on. That's what people relate to."

Cage is an ex-convict wrongly imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit, developing his superpowers after a botched experimental procedure. After clearing his name, he becomes a Harlem celebrity for

his heroic efforts to protect the community. The character has appeared in other Marvel Cinematic Universe shows, including Netflix's "Jessica Jones" and "The Defenders."

In season two, Cage struggles to find a good paying job until he decides to cash in on his abilities as a hero-for-hire.

Colter's cast members called him a "perfect fit" for the role. "No matter how tired Luke Cage is, he has to protect Harlem. Mike leads our show in the same way," said Simone Missick, who reprises the role of Misty Knight. "He fits the bill physically. He approaches his character with a vulnerability you don't often see in characters like that. It's endearing to people. I think with Mike being the leader of this new school of superheroes, he does an amazing job."

Theo Rossi, who plays the villain Shades, said he likens Colter's real-life persona to Cage. "If you've ever been around Mike, talked or hung out with Mike, he is Luke Cage," Rossi said. "I mean, he's massive. But at the same time, he's got a swagger and a personality that's so incredible. He's so big and could be intimidating, but he's not because he has this incredible presence about him."

Not bad for Colter, who called himself a loner in high school.

## ABC greenlights 'Roseanne' spinoff without Roseanne Barr

From wire reports

ABC is moving forward with a spinoff of "Roseanne." The network announced June 21 that it has given a straight-to-series order to "The Conners," the working title for the show, which would premiere this fall. The season would consist of 10 episodes and is set to air Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

A breakdown of the spinoff provided by the network says that "after a sudden turn of events, the Conners are forced to face the daily struggles of life in Lanford in a way they never have before." The description goes on to say the family will navigate parenthood, dating, an unexpected pregnancy, financial pressures, aging and in-laws in working-class America.

The series is set to feature John Goodman, Laurie Metcalf, Sara Gilbert, Lucy Goranson and Michael Fishman once again reprising their Conner characters. Noticeably absent will be lightning rod and "Roseanne" namesake Roseanne Barr.

Cast members Goodman, Metcalf, Gilbert, Goranson and Fishman offered a joint statement: "We have received a tremendous amount of support from fans of our show, and it's clear that these characters not only have a place in our hearts, but in the hearts and homes of our audience," said the statement. "We all came back last season because we wanted to tell stories about the challenges facing a working-class family today. We are so happy to have the opportunity to return with the cast and crew to continue to share those stories through love and laughter."

## Lovato sings about sobriety struggles

Demi Lovato celebrated six years of sobriety in March, but her new song indicates she may no longer be sober.

The pop star released "Sober" on YouTube on June 21, singing lyrics like "Momma, I'm so sorry I'm not sober anymore/And daddy please forgive me for the drinks spilled on the floor."

Lovato tweeted a link to the song with the words "My truth."

The singer-actress struggled with an eating disorder, self-mutilation and other issues, entering rehab in 2010. She has spoken out about her battles with drugs and alcohol over the years, and she's become a role model for young women and men who have faced their own issues.

## Directors Guild says industry is still mostly white and male

A new study by the Directors Guild of America finds that despite high-profile releases like "Get Out" and "Wonder Woman," film directors remained overwhelmingly white and male among the movies released last year.

The DGA examined all 651 feature films released theatrically in 2017. It found that among those films to make at least \$250,000 at the box office, 12 percent of directors were women and 10 percent were people of color.

Those figures represent almost double the number of female directors in 2013, according to the DGA, but a downturn of 7 percent for minority filmmakers.

DGA President Thomas Schlamme said the results revealed that "discriminatory practices are still rampant across every corner of the feature film business." He added that improved diversity in indie filmmaking is a "misconception."

## Other news

■ The Monkees have postponed the last four dates of their tour after guitarist Mike Nesmith became ill. The band posted on Facebook on June 21 that Nesmith had "a minor health issue" before a show in Philadelphia and was advised to "rest for the next week." The 75-year-old has returned to his home in California.

■ Rapper Jim Jones has been arrested after a brief police stop in Georgia. A Coweta County investigator said he saw a southbound Mercedes sport utility vehicle drift into the emergency lane on Interstate 85 several times late June 20. News outlets report when the investigator pulled the car over, he said it appeared to be filled with smoke and smelled of marijuana. As officers approached, the driver accelerated and led authorities on a short chase. Police pulled in front of the SUV to stop it and were hit by the driver. The four people inside, including Jones, were arrested June 21 on multiple charges.

## Paul McCartney takes a drive down memory lane for 'Carpool Karaoke'

Associated Press

It had been a magical mystery tour as Paul McCartney led James Corden through his hometown of Liverpool during a "Carpool Karaoke" segment on CBS' "The Late Late Show."

The June 21 program wrapped up a week-long stay in London and the 76-year-old Beatles legend joined Corden for a drive. In between songs, McCartney autographs the Penny Lane wall

and visits his childhood home.

Corden chokes up as McCartney explains how a dream about his late mother led to the lyrics for "Let It Be."

The pair ends up at a pub, where Corden serves as bartender and encourages patrons to use the jukebox. When one does, a curtain dropped and revealed McCartney on stage with a band. He sings some of his old hits before inviting Corden onstage for "Hey Jude."



Paul McCartney, right, and host James Corden share a selfie on "The Late Late Show with James Corden" on June 21.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Popularity of tariffs on China could lead to pain

By DAVID J. LYNCH  
The Washington Post

In less than two weeks, U.S. customs officers are scheduled to begin collecting tariffs on Chinese imports, a step that either will give President Donald Trump the leverage he needs to secure a trade deal with Beijing or will plunge the world's two largest economies into a dangerous commercial conflict.

With no talks underway between the two sides, prospects for an early deal that averts im-

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position of the import levies appear dim.

Once the U.S. tariffs on the first \$34 billion in Chinese goods take effect on July 6 — and trigger Chinese retaliation against American farmers and exporters — the political pain will mount for the president, according to several former U.S. negotiators and trade analysts.

Complaints from affected voters could push Trump to settle for a limited deal involving increased Chinese purchases of American products and promises of future market openings and could leave the president vulnerable to charges of having blinked in his confrontation with China, the former officials said.

"He's set himself up perfectly for that attack," said Derek Scissors, of the American Enterprise Institute, who has advised U.S. officials on China policy. "There's a group inside the administration that really, very much wants a deal. ... But I'm talking about a Band-Aid."

### Trade deficit's growing

The president is demanding that Chinese leaders reduce the yawning \$375 billion U.S. trade deficit with China and scrap in-

dustrial policies that he says disadvantage American firms. Most economists say that trade balances between two countries are determined more by national savings rates and broad economic forces than by trade barriers.

Still, Trump's base, which cheers his attacks on Beijing as a hostile power guilty of "economic aggression," expects him to fulfill his promise to shrink the trade gap, which he blames for the loss of millions of American manufacturing jobs.

So far, that gap has widened during his presidency and is on course to set a record in 2018. Through the first four months of this year, the U.S. trade deficit with China was nearly 12 percent higher than during the same period last year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Earlier this month, China offered to buy an additional \$70 billion of American farm, energy and industrial goods in the first year of a trade deal if the U.S. shelved its tariff plans. That was far short of Trump's original demand for a \$200 billion annual increase, and Chinese officials withdrew the offer after the president's latest tariff threat.

Such a limited deal, coupled with a steadily growing bilateral trade deficit, could set the stage for a bare-knuckled debate in 2020 over the proper economic relationship with a rising China. Trump's action to soften the punishment for Chinese telecom company ZTE — tweeting "too many jobs in China lost" — also might invite criticism.

"The Democrats are champing at the bit to win back what they see as their natural constituency: working-class voters," said Ely Ratner, former deputy national security adviser to Vice President

Joe Biden. "I would bet you many Democrats are going to move into that space immediately."

Trump reiterated his complaints about China last week at a campaign-style rally in Duluth, Minn., saying the country's approach to trade "wasn't fair." On Friday, the administration is set to announce new export controls and investment limits designed to curb China's access to U.S. technology.

### Focused response

An additional set of tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports, including numerous consumer goods, could hit almost Labor Day. Beijing's inevitable retaliation will pose political risks for the president.

More than twice as many jobs are exposed to Chinese tariffs in counties that voted for Trump in 2016 as in areas that backed Hillary Clinton, according to the Brookings Institution.

"They have mapped this out to a very fine level of detail, said down to congressional districts," said China expert Aaron Friedberg of Princeton University. "It is intended to inflict maximum pain on people they recognize as being Trump's primary constituents in hopes that it will make him change course."

Though the president's "America First" trade policy has stirred opposition among Republican allies, including in the normally supportive corporate community, his China crackdown draws support from across the political spectrum.

When he threatened last week to impose tariffs on almost all Chinese imports, applause came from Republicans like Sen. Marco Rubio, an occasional Trump critic, as well as prominent Democrats

including Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, of New York, and Sen. Sherrod Brown, of Ohio.

"There is almost no constituency in the U.S. for business-as-usual with China," Ratner said. "Everyone in their own way is saying, 'You have to be tough on China.'"

Administration officials insist that they can outlast China in a trade war because Chinese exporters sell almost four times as much to the U.S. as Americans sell to China. But that view overlooks the many ways that Chinese regulators can harass U.S. companies operating in China.

In previous trade disputes, Chinese officials have discouraged their citizens from traveling to countries like South Korea or buying products made there. Companies like Apple or General Motors, which sells more cars in China than in the U.S., could become collateral damage in a trade war.

The president also has set a high bar for success in his actions against China, complaining that Beijing acquires advanced American technologies through cybertheft and coercive licensing requirements for foreign businesses that want access to the Chinese market. Those practices are "unsustainable," he said this month.

Last week, the White House office of trade and manufacturing policy released a report that lambasted China for more than 50 tactics aimed at securing its domestic market as a platform for global dominance of advanced technology industries.

"China's economic aggression now threatens not only the U.S. economy but also the global economy as a whole," wrote Peter Navarro, one of the president's top trade advisers.

In May, during an initial round

of trade talks in Beijing, administration officials demanded an end to China's subsidies for advanced technology industries as well as policies that force foreign companies to surrender trade secrets in return for access to the Chinese market.

Two additional bargaining sessions, in Washington and Beijing, ended without agreement.

"Our phone lines are open. They have always been open," Navarro told reporters last week. "The fundamental reality is that talk is cheap, delay is expensive."

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Japanese yen (June 25)	108.00
South Korean won (June 25)	1,082.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3791
British pound	\$1.3261/0.7541
Canada (Dollar)	1.3277
China (Yuan)	6.5043
Denmark (Krone)	6.3906
Egypt (Pound)	17.8699
Euro	\$1.1663/0.8574
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7845
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## OPINION

## Plan to fund 'blue water' Navy bill questioned

By TOM PHILPOTT

Special to Stars and Stripes

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee's plan to pay for a bill to extend Agent Orange disability benefits to 90,000 "blue water" Navy veterans of the Vietnam War — by raising funding fees under the Department of Veterans Affairs guaranty home loan program — will not continue to shield all disabled veterans from a funding fee, as the committee claimed last month as it cleared the bill for consideration of the full House.

The charge is made by "G2" Varratto II, a Phoenix Realtor, Air Force retiree and director of the Veterans Association for Real Estate Professionals for the state of Arizona. The committee does not dispute Varratto's argument that veterans with disabilities rated below 100 percent would see their waiver of a VA loan funding fee disappear if they use their benefit on mortgages that exceed the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit, a program expansion the committee bill allows.

Every major veteran service organization publicly endorsed the committee's amended version of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act (HR 299), which includes a new strategy to cover the bill's \$1 billion estimated cost for expanding Agent Orange-related benefits by charging slightly higher VA home loan funding fees and making other changes to the VA loan program.

It's unclear now whether advocacy groups understood that certain disabled veterans, those with VA ratings below 100 percent, would be hit with their first VA home loan funding fees ever if they were to take advantage of the jumbo loan feature.

The Freddie Mac conforming loan limit is set at \$453,100 in most of the country but varies by state or country depending on local housing markets. The conforming loan limit is near \$1 million in Hawaii and \$800,000 in Ventura County, Calif.

Varratto said he discovered only in recent weeks what the House committee planned to do to finance HR 299 as he studied the bill in his role as national legislative committee chairman for VARE, an organization that has pressed the Congress for five years to remove the conforming loan limit from a VA loan benefit program.

As a veteran, Varratto said, he is upset that the committee would remove the funding fee waiver for any disabled veteran, even if only for jumbo mortgages. He also believes, he said, that just a tweak to the bill might preserve the funding fee waiver for all disabled veterans without putting the entire legislation at risk.

A Washington Post editorial

When Hassan Rouhani ran for president of Iran in 2013, he campaigned on the promise of promoting human rights and individual freedoms in a country that retained a strong authoritarian bent. Five years after his election, it is becoming clear that Rouhani has failed to deliver on those promises. This month's arrest of prominent human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh is a telling reminder that the regime's repressive tactics remain largely unchanged.

Sotoudeh is three years in Evin Prison, her staunch defense of political dissidents — including Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi — has long made her a target for Iranian security forces. She was arrested in 2010 on an absurd charge of threatening to overthrow the government. She served three years in Evin Prison, some of that time in solitary confinement,

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If the House committee isn't prepared to change it, Varratto said, his organization will press senators to modify it during their work on a companion bill.

"I honestly don't think this create hell, hate and discontent in the world," Varratto told me. However, he said, he felt compelled to speak out when he read in this news column a comment last month from Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., chairman of the House committee, that no disabled veterans would be affected by higher loan fees planned to help blue water Navy veterans.

Under current law, the VA guarantees home loans by promising loan servicers that the government will pay 25 percent of the loan if the veteran defaults. The guarantee allows veterans to get better loan terms, such as lower interest rates or smaller down payments. For that, VA charges the veteran a funding fee.

Currently, VA-backed loans can't exceed the Freddie Mac conforming loan limit. If a veteran wants a bigger mortgage, say one that exceeds the loan limit by \$100,000, then the veteran has to make his or her own 25 percent down payment on that portion of the loan the VA doesn't guarantee. Otherwise the veteran would have to buy mortgage insurance.

VA funding fees last were raised in 2004. Here's how the House committee bill would raise them.

■ From 2.15 percent to 2.40 percent of the loan amount for loans with no down payment and first use of the VA guarantee benefit.

■ From 3.3 percent to 3.8 percent of the loan amount for loans with no down payment on subsequent use of the loan benefit.

■ From 1.50 percent to 1.75 percent of the loan amount for loans with a 5 percent down payment.

■ From 1.25 percent to 1.45 percent of the loan amount for loans with a 10 percent down payment.

The increase would take effect next Jan. 1 and return to current levels after Sept. 30, 2026. Veterans with disabilities, about 47 percent of VA loan users, are exempt from funding fees.

The House bill also would permanently eliminate an additional 0.25 percent fee on the loan amount that current members of reserve components are charged for using their home loan benefit.

The funding fee changes are reasonable, Varratto said. He also lauded the bill because it would remove the conforming

loan limit, as Realtors have urged.

If veterans want to buy more expensive homes and can qualify for bigger mortgages, after the House bill becomes law the VA would guarantee larger loan amounts. That would mean veterans no longer would have to put 25 percent down on portions of the loan in excess of the Freddie Mac limit.

But for these jumbo loans, the House bill would continue to waive the funding fees only for veterans rated 100 percent disabled. Those with disabilities rated 90 percent or less would, for the first time, have to pay the funding fee.

Varratto, who has a 60 percent VA disability rating, said that in Phoenix, where he sells home, the conforming loan limit is \$453,100. Under the House bill, most disabled veterans seeking a mortgage larger than that would be paying more money down, would face a funding fee of 2.4 percent for first-time benefit use. On a loan of \$454,000, for example, that would be \$10,896. On the same size loan with a higher "subsequent use" funding fee of 3.8 percent, the disabled vet would pay a fee of \$17,252.

But Varratto said he might have calculated that if a disabled vet can afford a jumbo loan, he or she also can afford to pay a funding fee, and perhaps should do so as long as they are not 100 percent disabled, I suggested to Varratto.

"They probably are telegraphing that," he said. "But here's something else to consider because we know how things work in Washington. If we permit erosion of this waiver on loans at or above that Freddie Mac ceiling, it's an open door for Congress to later make the same argument for loans that are below the ceiling limit and cast upon those not 100 percent disabled the same fee requirement."

Another point to consider, he added, is that some disabled veterans who can afford jumbo loans might have lost a limb or two fighting for their country and still not be able to afford the fee.

"In essence we're going to say, 'Sorry that you were in Iraq, driving your Humvee, got blown up and lost a leg. But you're not as worthy of receiving that waiver as a guy injured in a more severe way.'"

In scoring the House bill, Varratto noted, the Congressional Budget Office found that not only would higher VA loan fees cover the cost of expanding agent benefits to blue water Navy veterans, it would produce a \$271 million VA budget gain. That should be used, he said, to amend the bill to preserve the funding fee waiver for every disabled veteran, regardless of the size of their mortgage.

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## She defends the downtrodden. So Iran put her in jail.

but was pardoned in 2013 when Rouhani released a number of political prisoners as a goodwill gesture before attending his U.N. General Assembly. Now she has been taken to Evin Prison again, reportedly to serve a five-year sentence on national security charges.

Sotoudeh's arrest raises questions about due process and the rule of law. Her husband, Reza Khandan, told reporters that Iranian security forces arrived to take her to prison. "They informed me that the couple that she had been tried and convicted in absentia, even though they had not previously announced either the conviction or the sentence. Human rights watchdogs have speculated that her arrest was motivated by her advocacy on behalf of women who protested the country's strict veiling rules this year. Sotoudeh has also been an outspoken critic of the judiciary's decision to allow only a small, preapproved

list of lawyers to represent those charged with national security crimes.

Sotoudeh's imprisonment is a glaring abuse of power — one that has become all too common in Iran. Despite a number of high-profile arrests, including that of Rouhani's brother in 2017, the Rouhani government appears unable or unwilling to speak out against the Revolutionary Guard Corps or the country's hard-line judiciary. This has created a chilling atmosphere for people of power — one that has become a reality for many who are not.

The State Department has issued a statement calling for Sotoudeh's freedom, as have politicians from the European Union, which presented her with the Sakharov Prize in 2012. Other nations should continue to pressure Iran for her immediate and unconditional release. She has dedicated her career to defending the unjustly persecuted. It is dismaying to see her on the receiving end of the same treatment.

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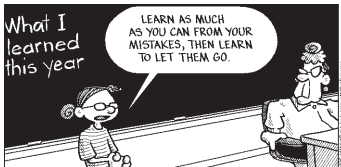
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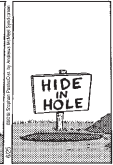
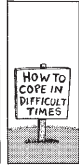
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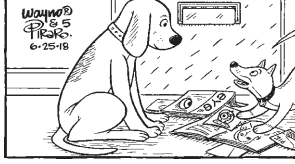
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- 16 QB Tony
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- 18 "Tales of the City" writer
- 20 Eightsome
- 23 Joints that may be replaced
- 24 Taverns
- 25 Ugly building
- 28 "— been had!"
- 29 Tennis great
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- 30 Scull tool
- 32 Investigate
- 34 Zhivago's love
- 35 Circle dance
- 36 Pizzazz
- 37 Honor
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- 41 Mint product
- 42 Hardly a picky eater?
- 47 Angelic light
- 48 Like a good golf score
- 49 Utah city

- 50 "Mayday!"
- 51 Jazz singer
- James

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- 31 Fan's cry
- 33 Wunderkind
- 34 Paris art museum
- 36 Garfield's pal
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## NHL DRAFT

# Flames come away as biggest winner

By STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

DALLAS — Having no picks in the first three rounds made it look as though it would be a quiet, boring and ineffective weekend for the Calgary Flames.

Instead, they became one of the biggest winners at the NHL Draft by acquiring 23-year-old forward Elias Lindholm and 21-year-old defenseman Noah Hanifin in a five-player trade with Carolina on Saturday. It cost the Flames defenseman Dougie Hamilton, winger Michael Ferland and prospect Adam Fox, but they got younger and may have restored their lineup to its rightful order.

Lindholm is a natural center, but could be the perfect fit on Calgary's first line alongside Johnny Gaudreau and Sean Monahan. Moving Hamilton will allow T.J. Brodie to slide back on to the first defensive pairing with Mark Giordano, while Hanifin could benefit from playing with those veterans on the blue line.

"I think Noah is just scratching the surface," general manager Brad Treliving said. "We've got some guys on the blue line who can produce. We also want guys who want to be in Calgary. Both players talking today, in Elias and Noah, they're excited to get out there."

Beyond the Flames, here are some more winners and losers from the NHL Draft:

**Winner: Philipp Grubauer:**

After lifting the Stanley Cup with the Washington Capitals, Grubauer was traded to the Colorado Avalanche where he'll initially split time with Semyon Varlamov but should take over as the starter after next season. Grubauer signed a \$10 million, three-year contract in the biggest payday of his career.

**Loser: New York Islanders:**

They got strong value in first-round picks Oliver Wahlstrom and Noah Dobson, but didn't agree to terms on a new deal with John Tavares before he could begin meeting with other teams Sunday. Tavares will host five teams in the coming days, but could become a free agent July 1, which would be devastating for the Islanders.

"I have no disappointment, no discouragement," GM Lou Lamoriello said. "He's earned every right to make whatever choice he has. The most important thing is that we hope in the end that he's an Islander."

**Winner: Buffalo Sabres:**

After years of wondering and floundering, the Sabres have a franchise defenseman in No. 1 pick Rasmus Dahlin. This was set in stone in April when Buffalo won the lottery, but the organization will get an up-close look at the Swedish playmaker at prospect camp and has every reason to be excited about the future.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Carolina Hurricanes center Elias Lindholm celebrates his goal against the Detroit Red Wings during a game in January. The Calgary Flames acquired Lindholm and defenseman Noah Hanifin from Carolina as part of a blockbuster trade with the at the NHL Draft. Carolina got defenseman Dougie Hamilton, winger Michael Ferland and prospect Adam Fox.

"He's a young player, he's 18 years old, there's high expectations down the road," GM Jason Botterill said. "But it's going to be imperative to us to protect him, put him in and put him in the right situations so he can have success."

**Loser: Entertainment:** The only trades involving NHL players were the deal by Carolina and Calgary and the Capitals trading Grubauer and defenseman

Brooks Orpik to Colorado. None of the top 10 picks changed hands, and most of the two days went off without drama.

**Winner: Ilya Kovalchuk:** The Kontinental Hockey League's leading scorer and Olympic MVP had plenty of suitors and wound up agreeing to a three-year deal with the Los Angeles Kings worth \$6.25 million a season. The 35-year-old is returning to the NHL on the same deal Patrick Marleau

got from the Toronto Maple Leafs a year ago, which is a coup for Kovalchuk.

**Loser: Montreal Canadiens:** Rumors persisted about Montreal trading captain Max Pacioretty or even acquiring center Ryan O'Reilly from Buffalo. Neither move happened, leaving Marc Bergevin with a lengthy to-do list after already trading Alex Galchenyuk to Arizona for Max Domi.

## Puck-stopping patience: Teams wait on goalies

By STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

DALLAS — The stress of stopping the puck with a game on the line is no sweat compared to what young goaltenders deal with waiting to be taken in the NHL Draft.

Even the best goaltending prospects usually have to wait through the first round and then some before their names are called. Top-rated Olivier Rodrigue went through that this weekend.

"No expectation for the draft," Rodrigue said. "Totally a mystery. We all know it's difficult for a goalie to be selected early."

**"There are very few guys that are first-rounders that you can say at 18 are going to be Price or that type of goalie right off the bat. It doesn't happen very often."**

Dale Tallon

Florida Panthers GM

years since, the philosophy has shifted drastically from trying to hit on an elite goaltender early in the draft to hoping for the best in rounds 2 through 7 like 23 different teams did on Saturday.

They're so up and down and very few of them dominate," Florida Panthers general manager Dale Tallon said.

"It's hard. There are very few guys that are first-rounders that you can say at 18 are going to be Price or that type of goalie right off the bat. It doesn't happen very often."

The first goalie off the board at this year's draft was Olof Lindbom 39th to the Rangers. Armed with a successful Swedish goalie in 36-year-old Henrik Lundqvist, New York GM Jeff Gorton called taking Lindbom "an opportunity we couldn't pass up."

But as Rodrigue knows, teams pass on goalies all the time. His father, Sylvaine, is a goaltending instructor for Edmonton, which traded up to take him 62nd at the end of the second round.

Rodrigue was the second of 39 goalies taken in the 2018 draft that followed the recent pattern of the position being in demand but not early. Longtime Los Angeles Kings director of amateur scouting Mark Yanetti believes there haven't been many generational goalies like Price and Marc-Andre Fleury recently but also points to the long development curve as a reason why they're so rarely first-round picks.

"With the rare, rare, rare exception like a Carey Price, Fleury, it takes a minimum of probably four to six years for a goalie to develop," Yanetti said. "Drafting a goalie very, very high with the success that they tend to have or don't have, I think it's right around 50 percent becoming a regular NHL goaltender. I'm not even talking about elite."

For every Price, Fleury and Roberto Luongo who have strong NHL careers, there's a laundry list of top-10 goalies who never panned out. A year after Nashville missed on Brian Pienke sixth overall in 1999, Calgary whiffed on Brent Krahn ninth in 2000, and while Al Montoya had a respectable career as a backup, he never lived up to going No. 6 to the Rangers in 2004.

Montoya never played a game for New York, which is a common tale for highly touted goaltending prospects.

"Most goalies around the league, with the exception of maybe three or four, they don't really hit their stride until they're probably 25 years old," Chicago Blackhawks GM Stan Bowman said. "That's seven years down the road and most of those guys have moved on to another organization. Not as many of them make it with the team that drafted them just because of the life cycle."

That uncertain life cycle makes front offices approach goaltender entirely differently than forwards and defensemen. Los Angeles has signed Martin Jones and Cal Petersen as free agents long after they went undrafted. Philadelphia did the same with Sergei Bobrovsky, who they gave up on early and traded him to Columbus, where he won the Vezina Trophy twice.

"It's almost like adding a first- or second-round pick to your roster for nothing," Yanetti said of signing older goalie prospects. "They're much closer to a finished product and you're getting a first- or second-round asset without using a first or second-round draft pick."

To show just how inexact a science drafting a goalie is, nine went before the Washington Capitals took Braden Holtby in the fourth round of the 2008 draft, and he won the Vezina in 2016 before helping them win the Stanley Cup this season.

In the past decade, teams hardly even try anymore and often stockpile goalies rather than rolling the dice on taking them with high picks.

"People are understanding that the timeline of a goalie's development path is longer and as the development path gets longer, I think inherently there's more risk," Arizona Coyotes general manager John Chayka said. "I think teams are managing risk and they're understanding that because of the length of that timeline that goalies move and sometimes are on their second or third team before they ultimately become the goalie that he probably expected when you drafted him that high."

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

## Oregon State to meet Arkansas for title

By ERIC OLSON  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Kevin Abel and Jake Mulholland made it look easy for Oregon State.

Until it wasn't.

Abel turned in the Beavers' best start of the College World Series and the usually reliable Mulholland came on in the eighth inning with a four-run lead and retired the first five batters he faced.

But Mississippi State proved to be no easy out this postseason and, suddenly, the Bulldogs were down three runs with the bases loaded and Jordan Westburg — founder of the team's Rally Banana and hitter of a grand slam four days earlier — at the plate.

The Beavers could breathe again after Westburg grounded to shortstop Cadyn Grenier, who double-clutched before throwing to second to finish the 5-2 win that secured Oregon State's spot in the best-of-three CWS finals against Arkansas, which advanced by beating Florida on Friday.

"Mully is a drama queen. He likes to make things fun," Abel said, drawing laughs. "We never doubted him. We know he's been phenomenal all year coming in at the end of games when we're up 10 runs or in a one-run ball game. He's been lights out. And he got a little tired and made a couple of mistakes, but he got the job done."

Abel and Mulholland combined on a four-hitter and Tyler Malone hit his third home run of the CWS as the Beavers cleared the hurdle they couldn't last year when they brought a 56-4 record to Omaha but lost twice to LSU in the bracket final.

As they did in 2006, when they won the first of two straight national titles, the Beavers came back from losing their CWS opener to win four straight and make the finals.

"Our guys, you could see, were running on fumes," OSU coach Pat Casey said.

Mississippi State played from behind in four of its eight wins in the NCAA Tournament and had made comebacks in 21 of its 39 wins this season. The Bulldogs' head coach was fired, they were a sub-.500 team in late March, and they sneaked into the tourna-



NATI HARNIK/AP

**Oregon State closing pitcher Jake Mulholland clenches his fist after the last out of the eighth inning of a College World Series baseball elimination game Saturday against Mississippi State in Omaha, Neb. The Beavers won 5-2 to advance to the finals against Arkansas.**

ment as an at-large selection after sweeping SEC champion Florida to end the regular season.

There were three walk-off wins, and Westburg came up with the Rally Banana good-luck charm that spanned all kinds of memes and unified the team and fan base.

There was to be no rally Saturday, however, in what was their sixth elimination game since the regionals started.

Abel allowed three singles, walked three and struck out five in seven innings as Oregon State (53-11-1) held down Mississippi State's offense for the second straight day. Beavers pitchers gave up five hits in a 12-2 win Friday that forced the Bracket 1 final rematch.

Mississippi State (39-29) mostly shut down an Oregon State

offense that came into the game batting .377 and averaging 10.8 runs in four games in Omaha. All of the Beavers' runs came in the third inning.

"If you told me we would throw up eight zeroes, I would have taken that. Certainly not the five-spot," Bulldogs interim coach Gary Henderson said. "We really didn't get to a spot we could solve Kevin Abel. Give the Beavers a lot of credit for their pitching the last two days."

Five of the Beavers' eight hits in the game came in succession in the third after Bulldogs starter Ethan Small (5-4) got two quick outs. Adley Rutschman and Michael Greter had RBI singles before Malone's three-run homer barely cleared the fence in right center.

Abel (6-1) retired the first six

batters he faced, striking out three of them, and took a one-hitter into the fifth. A baserunning blunder by Jake Mangum got Abel off the hook in the fifth, and an inning-ending double play got him out of trouble in the sixth when the Bulldogs had runners on second and third with one out.

"I was extremely impressed with Kevin tonight," said Rutschman, the catcher. "Just the strides he's made over the season. At the beginning of the season, no one would have said he would have been starting in the College World Series. But here he is on the biggest stage there is, and just being a competitor out there. I was fortunate to be able to catch him and see him work tonight."

**Time to remove interim tag?:** Henderson took over as interim head coach after Andy Cannizzaro

was forced out because of off-field conduct and led the Bulldogs to the final four of the NCAA Tournament. Now Henderson waits to find out whether athletic director John Cohen will remove the interim tag and make him the permanent coach.

"Who wouldn't want to be the baseball coach at Mississippi State?" Henderson said. "I do."

He added: "It's a wonderful group. I love my assistant coaches. We would love to continue what we started."

**Finally caught:** Oregon State's Nick Madrigal, the Chicago White Sox's first-round draft pick, was 15 for 15 on stolen bases this season until catcher Dustin Skelton threw him out at second in the seventh inning. Madrigal got a good jump, but Skelton put his throw on a line to second baseman Hunter Stovall, who put the tag on in time on a close play.

**Up next:** Arkansas vs. Oregon State on Monday night in the opener of the best-of-three CWS finals. The Razorbacks are playing for their first national championship and will be appearing in a title game for the second time. They lost to Cal State Fullerton in 1979. Oregon State is in its third finals and going for its third championship.



**Mississippi State players console each other after being eliminated from the College World Series by Oregon State on Saturday in Omaha, Neb.**

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# Kershaw returns; Kemp slam lifts Dodgers

BY JAKE SEINER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Clayton Kershaw felt strong — if not quite efficient — in his return from the disabled list.

That was good enough for the Los Angeles Dodgers. They had muscle to spare against the New York Mets.

Kershaw and Jacob deGrom stumbled in an unexpected ace showdown, Matt Kemp hit a pinch grand slam, and the Dodgers won 8-3 on Saturday night.

The Dodgers have won 11 straight against the Mets dating to May 2016, matching their best run in the rivalry. Los Angeles beat New York 11 straight times in 1963-64.

Kershaw gave up two runs over three innings in a surprise return from a lower back strain. He threw 55 pitches, starting out strong before laboring through his final inning.

"Good to be back," Kershaw said. "Now I can focus on getting better."

Left-handed rookie Caleb Ferguson (1-1) replaced him and escaped a couple tight situations over four scoreless innings for his first major league win.

DeGrom (5-3) allowed three earned runs in six innings, including Max Muncy's 14th home run in the first. He entered the game with a major league-leading 1.51 ERA and hadn't allowed three earned runs in a game since April 16 against Washington.

New York has lost five straight overall and 12 of 13 at home. The Mets have scored

four or fewer runs in 15 straight home games dating to May 20. Some fans at Citi Field were wearing paper bags over their heads by the end of the game.

"It was tough tonight," said Brandon Nimmo, who had three hits for New York.

Kemp cleared the bases during a five-run eighth inning with his eighth career slam and 13th home run this season. Chris Taylor had a key two-run pinch double, and Los Angeles won for the 24th time in 33 games.

**Kershaw building up:** Kershaw was scheduled to make a rehab start with Triple-A Oklahoma City at Omaha, but Los Angeles decided Friday to have him pitch in New York because of precarious weather in Nebraska. The lefty ace had been sidelined since June 1.

Kershaw was electric in the first inning, freezing leadoff man Nimmo on a curveball for a three-pitch strikeout and catching Todd Frazier looking for a five-pitch K.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner wasn't as sharp after that. Michael Conforto and Jose Bautista lined consecutive doubles in the second inning to tie it at 1, and Kershaw threw 25 pitches in the third inning, including an RBI single by Wilmer Flores to put New York ahead 2-1.

Kershaw struck out four, walked one and allowed five hits before Taylor hit for him in the fourth. Kershaw was expected to be limited to roughly 60 pitches, and he threw an extra simulated inning inside after being replaced.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

**Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw delivers during the second inning Saturday against the Mets in New York. Kershaw made his first start since returning from the disabled list.**

"The most important thing, he came out of it feeling good, feeling strong," manager Dave Roberts said.

**Ferguson's "good trend":** Ferguson struck out six, walked one and allowed three hits. The 21-year-old worked out of trouble in the fifth and seventh innings. The latter jam emerged when Cody Bellinger badly misplayed Nimmo's low liner

to center, leading to a one-out triple. Ferguson then struck out Frazier and got Asdrubal Cabrera to ground out.

Ferguson dropped his ERA from 7.59 to 5.52 in his first career relief appearance — he'd previously made three starts. Roberts said Ferguson has shown a "good trend" of looking more comfortable with each outing.

## Roundup

# Pitcher DeSclafani has grand day against Cubs

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The last-place Cincinnati Reds slammed the Chicago Cubs — again.

Anthony DeSclafani hit the first grand slam by a Cincinnati pitcher in 59 years, helping the Reds beat the Chicago Cubs 11-2 on Saturday for their sixth consecutive victory.

It was Cincinnati's third slam in five days and major league-leading seventh of the season, two short of the record set in 2002. Jesse Winker was one in the series opener against Chicago on Thursday night.

The last Reds pitcher to hit a grand slam was Bob Purkey against the Cubs on Aug. 1, 1959.

Tucker Barnhart and Joey Votto also went deep in front of a crowd of 36,818. Cincinnati's largest series opening day. Votto hit his three-run shot off backup catcher Chris Gimenez in the eighth.

"We're playing clean baseball," interim manager Jim Riggleman said. "We've strung some good ballgames together."

The Reds matched their longest win streak of the season and won a third straight game against the Cubs for the first time winning five in a row in 2014.

"They definitely have played much better," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "They deserved all three. Our pitching was in disarray, and they took advantage of it."



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

**The Reds' Anthony DeSclafani, hits a grand slam off Cubs relief pitcher Brian Duensing in the third inning Saturday in Cincinnati.**

Willson Contreras and Ben Zobrist homered for Chicago, which has lost three straight games for the first time since a five-game slide from May 1 through May 6. Zobrist and Ian Happ each had two of the Cubs' six hits.

**Rays 4, Yankees 0:** Wilmer Font worked into the sixth inning to get his first major league win, Willy Adames homered and host Tampa Bay beat New York.

Font (1-3) allowed three hits, one walk and struck out four over 5 1/3 innings. Four relievers com-

pleted a four-hit effort.

**Mariners 7, Red Sox 2:** Mike Leake pitched eight shutout innings, Mitch Haniger drove in three runs and visiting Seattle snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a victory.

**Rangers 9, Twins 6:** Adrian Beltré and Robinson Chirinos homered to help Yovani Gallardo win for the first time since last July as visiting Texas beat Minnesota.

Delino DeShields had two hits and drove in two runs for the Rangers, who have won a season-high seven in a row.

**Orioles 7, Braves 5:** Mark Trumbo hit a first-inning grand slam, Chris Davis doubled in three runs and host Baltimore beat the Braves.

Dylan Bundy (6-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings while improving to 3-0 in June. One day after allowing four runs and recording only one out, Zach Britton pitched around a one-out walk to Johan Camargo in the ninth to earn his first save.

**Cardinals 3, Brewers 2:** Yadier Molina homered twice to back a strong start by Miles Mikolas and lift visiting St. Louis to a victory.

Molina's two-run homer in the sixth inning off reliever Jeremy Jeffress gave St. Louis the lead and the Cardinals led off behind the pitching of Mikolas and four relievers. Marcell Ozuna led off the sixth with a line-drive single to center and scored on Molina's

shot to right-center, a ball that bounced off the top of the wall and into the St. Louis bullpen.

**Indians 4, Tigers 1:** Trevor Bauer struck out 11 in 6 1/3 innings to beat visiting Detroit for the fourth time this season, leading the Indians past the Tigers for their sixth straight win overall.

Bauer (7-5) allowed a run in the second inning on a wild pitch and was pulled after Dixon Machado's one-out single in the seventh. He's 4-0 with a 1.23 ERA in four starts against the Tigers.

**Athletics 7, White Sox 6:** Pinch-hitter Nick Martini drove in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning with his first major league hit and visiting Oakland came back from an early five-run deficit to edge the White Sox.

Martini, recalled from Triple-A before the game, lined a full-count single off Juan Minaya (0-2) with two outs to center to score Stephen Piscotty from second. Piscotty reached on a double when right fielder Avisail Garcia lost his routine fly in the sun.

**Marlins 6, Rockies 2:** J.T. Realmuto hit his second career grand slam during a five-run seventh and the Miami Marlins beat host Colorado to stop a three-game skid and end the Rockies' winning streak at four.

**Diamondbacks 7, Pirates 2:** Zack Granite pitched six scoreless innings, staying in through two rain delays, and the Arizona

Diamondbacks beat the Pirates for their third consecutive win.

**Phillies 5, Nationals 3:** Maikel Franco went 4-for-4, Carlos Santana homered and visiting Philadelphia won.

With the Phillies leading 3-2 in the eighth, Santana sent a drive into the Philadelphia bullpen in left-center field off Kelvin Herrera for his 13th homer of the season and second in two games. Franco later added an RBI single for the Phillies, who have won five of six.

**Giants 5, Padres 3:** Slumping Brandon Crawford doubled twice, tripled and drove in three runs, leading the host Giants.

Brandon Belt singled twice and Gorkys Hernandez added an RBI double as the Giants won their fifth in seven games.

**Astros 4, Royals 3 (12):** Carlos Correa hit a game-ending RBI single in the 12th, lifting host Houston.

George Springer led off the 12th with a walk, and Alex Greigman followed with a bloop single into shallow right field that fell between three players. An error by Ryan Goins allowed Springer to advance to third. After reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve was walked intentionally, Correa singled into right-center gap against Justin Grimm (1-3).

**Blue Jays 4, Angels 1:** Steve Pearce hit a three-run homer in the ninth and Toronto ended a five-game road losing streak.

## WORLD CUP

## Germany silences doubters with victory

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

SOCCHI, Russia — In the aftermath to one of the most memorable victories in Germany's long history of success, Toni Kroos and Marco Reus had a message for the critics back home waiting to see them fail.

"We got a lot of criticism and some of it was justified," Kroos said. "We had the feeling that a lot of people in Germany would have been happy if we'd gone out today, but we don't make it that easy."

No, Germany didn't make it easy. Nothing in this tournament has come easy for Die Mannschaft. Yet the Germans sit with three points after Saturday's 2-1 victory over Sweden and a chance to avoid what befell Italy and Spain, the previous two defending champions who failed to advance from the group stage.

It's all unexpected in a way. Germany's lackluster opening performance and loss against Mexico was unexpected. Falling behind the Swedes 1-0 at halftime was unexpected. And certainly after going down to 10-men, Kroos' curling strike in the fifth minute of stoppage time to secure Germany's win was unexpected.

After nearly a week of hearing what was wrong with German soccer following the loss to Mexico, the defending champions were on the verge of an even louder uproar.

One moment, one strike changed it all.

"I think that's an impression we have that many people in Germany were looking forward to us bowing out of the tournament here," Reus said. "But I think we've shown a team spirit here despite Sweden going up 1-0. That was a setback but we had to



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

Germany's Toni Kroos celebrates after he scored his team's second goal during the group F match between Germany and Sweden on Saturday in Sochi, Russia. Germany won 2-1.

digest that first but we knew we could claw our way back."

If Kroos' shot was deflected, a little too high, or didn't have the perfect whipping curl, Germany would be sitting with one point, needing a victory on its last group game and a lot of help to keep alive a streak of making the knockout round in every World

Cup since 1938.

But Kroos was perfect. The perfect pace. The perfect curl, the combo play with Reus catching Sweden by surprise just enough that defenders and goalkeeper Robin Olsen were unable to react. It was the latest goal ever scored by Germany in a World Cup match that didn't go to extra time.

It also created chaos in Group F. What seemed straight forward ward deep into stoppage time was turned upside down. Mexico, which has been among the more impressive teams in the tournament with two wins, could be eliminated if it doesn't get at least a draw against Sweden. Even South Korea after two losses could

still advance with a win over Germany and help from Mexico. The situation will create a lot of scoreboard watching on Wednesday when Mexico and Sweden play in Yekaterinburg and Germany and South Korea meet in Kazan.

"We have to put our foot on the gas and take our chances," Kroos said.

The lineup Germany coach Joachim Loew will use against South Korea will again be different. Loew made four changes to the lineup against Sweden, including benching Mesut Ozil for the first time in his senior team career in a major international tournament. The moves eventually seemed to pay off, especially the decision to insert Reus into the lineup and letting him attack from the midfield.

There will be even more changes against South Korea. What's already been a shaky defense will be without Jerome Boateng, who picked up a red card. Although, Loew is expecting Mats Hummels back after he missed the Sweden match with a neck injury. It was the combo of Hummels and Boateng that showed vulnerability against Mexico, and the pairing of Boateng and Antonio Rudiger was also steady against the Swedes.

Germany could be without defensive midfielder Sebastian Rudy who broke his nose after taking an inadvertent foot to the face in the first half.

"We have to take stock now and see what the situation is. The players at the end of the match, and that became very visible, were tired," Loew said. "We will have to take stock and look at the situation. We will probably require a day of rest and then we will start preparing for South Korea."

## Live on AFN

Group A  
Uruguay vs. Russia  
AFN-Sports  
4 p.m. Monday CET  
11 p.m. Monday JKT

Group A  
Saudi Arabia vs. Egypt  
AFN-Sports2  
4 p.m. Monday CET  
11 p.m. Monday JKT

Group B  
Spain vs. Morocco  
AFN-Sports2  
8 p.m. Monday CET  
3 a.m. Monday JKT

Group B  
Iran vs. Portugal  
AFN-Sports  
8 p.m. Monday CET  
3 a.m. Monday JKT

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a team to get behind, they can get behind Mexico and hope to see that happen."

Given that Mexico is the Americans' biggest rival, Donovan's ads provoked an angry riposte.

"I'd rather cut off my toe than root for [Mexico]," tweeted former U.S. forward Taylor Twellman, now ESPN's lead soccer analyst.

Donovan responded with a statement saying "my heart bleeds red, white and blue and no one should ever question my allegiance to and support of US Soccer and its national teams," but reiterated that with no American team to cheer for he will root for Mexico.

The American Outlaws supporters group chartered two Boeing 767s from Houston that brought 530 fans to Brazil in 2014, and the U.S. Soccer Federation said it sold its official allotment of about 2,000 tickets.

This time?  
"AO didn't organize anything," co-founder Korey Donahoe said. Mexico has the biggest base for attracting U.S. fan affection.

Among 43 million foreign-born U.S. residents in 2015, 11.58 million were born in Mexico, according to the Pew Research Center. The next seven-highest totals were all countries that failed to reach the World Cup:

**'I'd rather cut off my toe than root for [Mexico].'**

Taylor Twellman

Former US forward, in a tweet

China, India, the Philippines, El Salvador, Vietnam, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

Korea was ninth at 1.06 million. World Cup teams included Colombia (13th at 698,000), Germany (16th at 577,000), Peru (17th at 451,000), Ecuador (18th at 441,000), Poland (19th at 417,000), Iran (20th at 392,000) and Russia (21st at 389,000).

England was 28th at 318,000, and Iceland 149th at 4,400.

"For me it will be reminiscent of when I was a kid at the 1994 World Cup when I was wearing Valderrama wigs and cheering for Colombia!" American midfielder Alejandro Bedoya said, referring to star Carlos Valderrama's blond Afro. "I have so much family still living there, and it only feels natural for me to show support for the country of my heritage. I'll be eating a lot of empanadas and arepas and drinking Colombian coffee, all while cheering on for the Colombian team."

Several American players planned to root for their club teammates.

"When you come into training there is always games on here while you're getting prepared to go out or when you're coming in and doing rehab," Americans forward Clint Dempsey said. "If there's games on, you'll watch it. If my family, my kids if they want to watch it or family, if my brother is in town or family is in town and they want to watch it, then yeah, we'll check it out. I'm not opposed to it."

Tony and Emmy Award-winning British actor James Corden, host of "The Late Late Show" on CBS, recorded a segment with England players Harry Kane, Dele Alli, Eric Dier, Jesse Lingard, Jamie Vardy and Kyle Walker appealing to Americans for their support.

"Prince Harry, Harry Styles, Harry Kane. I may be your third-favorite British Harry," Kane said.

"We're forgetting Harry Potter," Corden interrupted.

In Reykjavik, Jakobsdottir hopes to see purple jerseys throughout the world.

"If I can say something about the Icelandic team, which I think also is part of the Icelandic national psyche," she proclaimed, "is that we never give up hope."

AP Sports Columnist Jim Litke, AP Sports Writer Tim Booth and AP Photographer Elaine M. Thompson contributed to this report.

## WORLD CUP

## Scoreboard

First round									
x-advanced to second round									
GROUP A									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
x-Russia	2	0	0	8	1	6			
x-Uruguay	2	0	0	2	0	6			
Egypt	0	0	2	1	4	0			
Saudi Arabia	0	0	2	1	6	0			

Thursday, June 14									
Russia 5, Saudi Arabia 0									
Friday, June 15									
Uruguay 1, Egypt 0									
Tuesday, June 19									
Russia 3, Egypt 1									
Wednesday, June 20									
Uruguay 1, Saudi Arabia 0									
Monday, June 25									
Uruguay vs. Russia									
At Volgograd, Russia									
Saudi Arabia vs. Egypt									
GROUP B									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Portugal	1	1	0	4	3	4			
Spain 1	1	0	1	4	3	4			
Iran	1	0	1	1	1	3			
Morocco	0	2	0	2	0	2			

Friday, June 15									
Iran 1, Morocco 0									
Saturday, June 16									
Portugal 3, Spain 3									
Wednesday, June 20									
Spain 1, Iran 0									
Monday, June 25									
Spain vs. Morocco									
At Kaliningrad, Russia									
Iran vs. Portugal									
GROUP C									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
x-France	1	1	0	2	1	4			
Denmark	1	1	0	2	1	4			
Australia	1	0	1	1	3	3			
Peru	0	2	0	2	2	4			

Saturday, June 16									
France 2, Australia 1									
Thursday, June 21									
Denmark 1, Australia 1									
Friday, June 22									
France 1, Peru 0									
Tuesday, June 26									
Australia 1, Peru 0									
At Sochi, Russia									
Denmark vs. France									
GROUP D									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
x-Croatia	2	0	0	5	0	6			
Iran	2	0	0	1	1	6			
Nigeria	0	1	1	1	2	3			
Argentina	0	1	1	1	4	3			

Saturday, June 16									
Argentina 1, Iceland 1									
Sunday, June 17									
Croatia 2, Nigeria 0									
Thursday, June 21									
Croatia 3, Argentina 0									
Friday, June 22									
Nigeria 2, Iceland 3									
Tuesday, June 26									
Iran vs. Argentina									
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia									
Iceland vs. Croatia									

## Who's in and who's out

Possible scenarios for advancing from the group stage:

**GROUP A:** Russia and Uruguay have clinched berths in the round of 16, and play each other Monday to determine who wins the group. Egypt and Saudi Arabia have been eliminated.

**GROUP B:** Morocco has been eliminated, leaving Portugal and Spain (four points each) and Iran (three) to compete for two spots. Spain plays Morocco on Monday, when Portugal meets Iran.

**GROUP C:** France has advanced and leads with six points. Denmark is second with four after a 1-1 draw against Australia, which has one point. Peru has been eliminated. Denmark plays France on Tuesday, when Australia takes on Peru.

**GROUP D:** Croatia has secured a trip to the second round and tops the group with six points. Nigeria (three points) will advance with a win over Argentina (one point) on Tuesday, when Iceland plays Croatia. But Iceland (one point) or the last-place Argentine could survive with a win and a Nigeria loss or tie, depending on goal differential.

**GROUP E:** Brazil and Switzerland have four points apiece, Serbia has three, and any of them could grab one of the group's two spots in the knockout stage. Serbia meets Brazil on Wednesday, likely needing a win. Switzerland plays Costa Rica at the same time. Costa Rica has been eliminated.

**GROUP F:** Mexico avoided a let-down Saturday after upsetting Ger-

GROUP E									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Brazil	1	1	0	3	1	4			
Switzerland	1	1	0	3	2	4			
Serbia	1	0	1	1	0	3			
Costa Rica	0	0	2	0	3	0			

Sunday, June 17									
Serbia 1, Costa Rica 0									
Friday, June 22									
Brazil 2, Costa Rica 0									
Wednesday, June 27									
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia									
Switzerland vs. Costa Rica									
GROUP F									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Mexico	2	0	0	3	1	6			
Germany	1	0	1	2	2	3			
Sweden	1	0	1	2	3	3			
South Korea	0	1	1	1	3	0			

Sunday, June 17									
Mexico 1, Germany 0									
Monday, June 18									
Sweden 1, South Korea 0									
Saturday, June 23									
Germany 2, Sweden 1									
Wednesday, June 27									
At Kazan, Russia									
South Korea vs. Germany									
At Yekaterinburg, Russia									
Mexico vs. Sweden									
GROUP G									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
x-Belgium	2	0	0	8	2	6			
x-England	2	0	0	8	2	6			
Tunisia	0	2	3	1	9	0			

Monday, June 18									
Belgium 3, Panama 0									
Saturday, June 23									
England 2, Tunisia 1									
At Moscow									
Belgium 5, Tunisia 2									
Sunday, June 24									
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia									
England 6, Panama 1									
Thursday, June 28									
At Saransk, Russia									
Panama vs. Tunisia									
At Kaliningrad, Russia									
England vs. Belgium									
GROUP H									
	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts			
Japan	1	1	0	4	3	4			
Senegal	1	1	0	4	3	4			
Colombia	0	0	1	1	2	0			
Poland	0	1	1	1	2	0			

Tuesday, June 19									
Japan 2, Colombia 1									
Sunday, June 24									
At Yekaterinburg, Russia									
Japan 1, Senegal 1									
At Kazan, Russia									
Poland vs. Colombia									
Thursday, June 28									
At Volgograd, Russia									
Japan vs. Poland									
At Samara, Russia									
Senegal vs. Colombia									

many to start the tournament, handling South Korea by a 2-1 score. But Mexico (six points) isn't safe yet. A dagger by Toni Kroos deep into extra time gave Germany (three points) a 2-1 win over Sweden (three points) in Saturday's late game. If the defending champion beats South Korea on Wednesday and Sweden simultaneously tops Mexico, three teams would finish with six points, sending it to tiebreakers that start with the best goal differential. On the other hand, if Mexico and South Korea win, Mexico would win the group and every other team would be tied.

**GROUP G:** Both Belgium and England cruised to emphatic wins in their second group games and advanced to the knockout round. They meet on Thursday in Kaliningrad, and the winner will win Group G. In the event of a draw, it could come down to which team has fewer yellow cards.

**GROUP H:** Japan and Senegal, the top teams in the group after surprising victories in the opening matches, played to a draw on Sunday, a result that will keep the two underdogs atop the group and could end up benefiting both.

That tie was not beneficial for the teams playing the late match on Sunday. Poland is eighth in the FIFA rankings, Colombia is 16th, but the loser will be eliminated.

—Associated Press

## England blasts Panama

Kane has hat trick in rout that clinches spot in last 16

By ROB HARRIS

Associated Press

**NIZHNY NOVGOROD, Russia** — With the country's most one-sided World Cup victory, England advanced to the last 16 with a game by spare.

Harry Kane scored a hat trick in Sunday's 6-1 rout of Panama, giving England its biggest victory margin at the World Cup in its highest-scoring game since 1966. That previous high-scoring affair turned out well, too, with England beating Germany 4-2 to win its only World Cup title.

Four years ago, England failed to win a match and was eliminated in the group stage.

On Sunday, England was taking on a weaker team: a Panama side making its World Cup debut. The loss eliminated Panama and Tunisia, but putting Belgium into the round of 16.

Kane's three goals moved him into the lead with five at this year's tournament, one more than Cristiano Ronaldo and Romelu Lukaku after two games.

John Stones headed in two goals and Jesse Lingard curled in another to ensure England goes into its Group G finale against Belgium level on points and with the same goal difference.

In Russia, England has been trying to cast aside the negativity of the past while reminding

the image of the team on and off the field. Even locals were supporting the team in Nizhny Novgorod, despite the bitter diplomatic relations between Russia and Britain.

The egos who dominated in England's celebrity-obsessed, underperforming Golden Generation in the first decade of century have gone. The joy and togetherness in the squad — the second-youngest in Russia — becomes clear in the goal celebrations. Where past England teams might have wilted in warm temperatures, this one pressed with high-tempo intensity to ensure there was no need to scrape a victory like on Monday against Tunisia.

England picked up where it left off in Volgograd, with a corner from Kieran Trippier headed into the net in the eighth minute. It wasn't Kane on the end this time but Stones, who was left unmarked to score his first international goal.



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Kershaw returns, Kemp hits slam to top Mets

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ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Iceland soccer fans watch the final minutes of the team's World Cup loss to Nigeria on Friday at a sports bar in Seattle. With the U.S. failing to make the tournament, Iceland, Mexico and other teams are hoping to attract U.S. viewers looking for a team to support in Russia.

## Support groups

Iceland among countries looking for backing from US fans without a team

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — American soccer fans: Iceland's prime minister wants your support.

The United States is absent from the World Cup for the first time since 1986, which means up to 325 million Americans are temporarily free agents.

Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir says her island nation about 900 miles off Norway's coast is the perfect pick for their passion. Iceland is the least-populous country ever at soccer's showcase with just 350,000.

"We can do with more supporters. We

absolutely need them," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We've got a lot of support from people around the world. I think a lot of people like the way the Icelandic team played. I think the team spirit really was something that people liked."

Costa Rica, Egypt, Morocco, Peru and Saudi Arabia already are out, and Argentina is on the verge of elimination, but alluring alternatives remain for those still unsure how to release their pent-up fervor with no U.S. red-white-and-blue to root for.

About 200,000 tickets were bought by American residents for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, second behind only the host

nation and up from approximately 130,000 four years earlier in South Africa. The U.S. remains second this year, but the total is down to approximately 87,000, FIFA said. That means more soccer supporters back home.

Reyka Vodka set up viewing parties in a dozen or so states to recruit fans for "Strakarnir Okkar," the nickname of Iceland's "Our Boys." Viet Lam, a 35-year-old emergency room pharmacist from Seattle, was at The George & Dragon Pub to watch Iceland's 2-0 loss Friday to Nigeria, which started at 8 a.m. PDT. He first visited Iceland in 2013 and has gone back two more times.

"I just fell in love with it. It was my first solo trip ever," he said. "I was gone for seven weeks and it was first stop. The landscape doesn't look like anything else."

Former American star Landon Donovan is part of Wells Fargo's "Vamos Mexico" marketing campaign, proclaiming on a scarf: "My other team is Mexico." The 35-year-old hopes El Tri can reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 1986.

"I find myself rooting for Mexico, having been there and seeing how the people have suffered over the years with this fifth game," Donovan said. "I think if fans need

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